

Plan: How can I help prepare students and myself for a great day of learning?

The **Needs of Living Things** program is designed to enrich student understanding of Eco Literacy* by bringing the Grade 1 Ontario Science Curriculum to life through a hands-on, learning experience at Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre.

*Understanding how to support sustainable interactions between human and natural systems

Curriculum Connections:

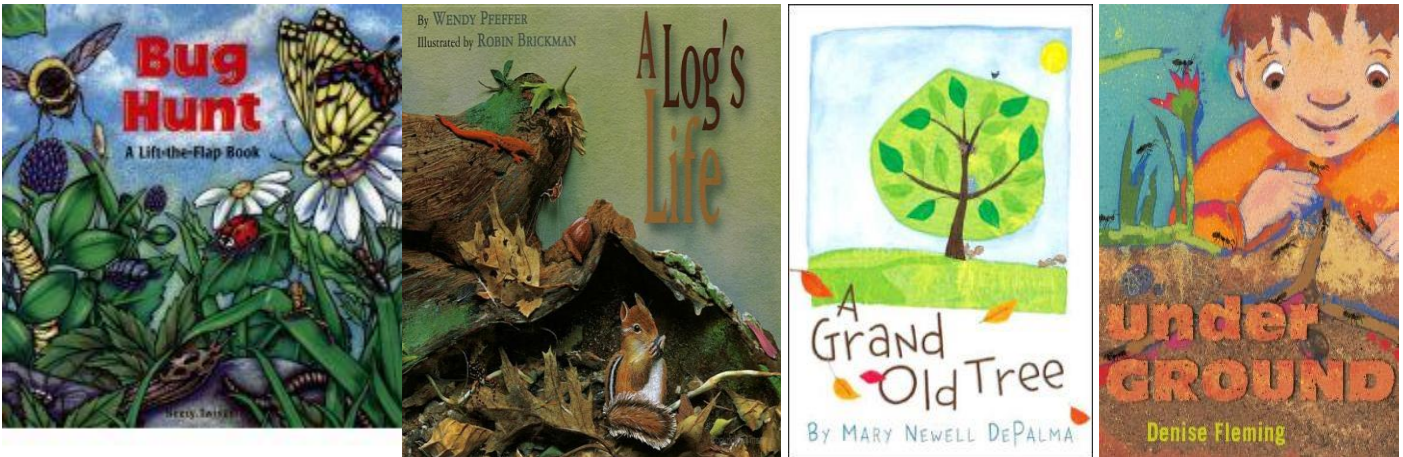
- [Science and Technology 1-8 \(pp. 44-46\)](#)

Some guiding questions to support effective field trip planning:

- Why did you choose our **Needs of Living Things** Program?
- How does it integrate into your classroom program?
 - Is the field trip going to act as a “minds on” engagement where students formulate questions for inquiry?
 - Is the field trip an opportunity for students to gather evidence for an inquiry already in progress?
 - Is the field trip a culminating experience for students to apply their learning?

Possible Pre-Trip Experiences:

- take a community walk to look for evidence of living things around your school
- document student ideas about the needs of living things
- begin a Know, Wonder, Learn (KWL) chart about the needs of living things to bring with you to Forest Valley
- read books related to the needs of living things (available from Forest Valley’s Library). To borrow books please contact Forest Valley OEC (ForestValleyOutdoorEdCentre@tdsb.on.ca or 416-395-5110)



TDSB Web Resources (note, these may only be accessible through a TDSB computer):

- [MediaNet](#) (Library & Learning Resources: Grade 1 Living Things)
- [TDSB's Virtual Library](#)