The Jane Wallerstein

Children & Nature Project

New York University

This program introduces children to nature in the urban environment through place-based education, field experiences, and hands-on learning.
“If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.”

Rachel Carson
The Sense of Wonder
Students explore the New York Botanical Garden on a scavenger hunt and search for different species.
At the New York Botanical Garden students record observations in their nature journals. At school they plant flowers for their garden.
Students investigate the flora and fauna of Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, where they touch caterpillars and watch an osprey nest.
Students survey the species inhabiting the North Woods of Central Park. At school they build a living terrarium for their classroom.
Thank you for your support to make these adventures possible!
Connections to nature last a lifetime
Exploring and enjoying the urban environment in Central Park
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