



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Fieldtrip Information

Dear Elementary School Teachers,

As you make your lesson plans for the upcoming months, we invite you to consider how the Children's Village can fit into your science curriculum. We offer field trip programs throughout the school year that relate directly to the LCSD#1 science curriculum maps (or the science curriculum your school uses, if not in LCSD#1). For each field trip we use the science curriculum to plan a program for your class. The programs include two parts: 1) a lesson on the material covered in that unit, during which we emphasize the vocabulary words and concepts of the unit, and 2) a hands-on activity where students can apply what they have learned. With these programs, you can give your students a change of scenery, while helping to improve their understanding and increase their retention of the science concepts you are covering in the classroom. We are happy to provide you with an outline of the planned program to submit to your principal for approval.

When planning your fieldtrip to the Children's Village, please keep the following things in mind:

- We are always closed on Mondays. The best days for field trips are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Have alternate dates in mind when you call to schedule, as spots fill quickly.
- Classes are welcome to attend as often as once a month or once a unit so that we can plan programs for each unit in the science curriculum.
- We can accommodate groups of up to 30 students at a time. If you are planning a field trip with multiple classes in the same grade, it works well to have one class dropped off by the bus at the Children's Village first, and then the bus returns to the school for the second group. When the second group is dropped off at the Children's Village, the first group loads the bus to go back to school. Another option is to split the groups up into morning and afternoon on the same day.
- For K-3rd grades, one hour of time is sufficient for the program. For 4th-6th grades, 90 minutes is more appropriate. If you would like your students to have time for exploration of the Children's Village grounds after the program, add another 15 minutes to your field trip time.
- We charge \$1 per child for field trips to help cover the cost of materials. If your class attends more than once during the school year, we offer a 50% discount so the charge is \$0.50 per child for every field trip. We accept cash, credit cards, checks and purchase orders. Scholarships are available for classes who are unable to pay.

Sincerely,

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