



Earth is our home.

All life on our planet matters.

Cultivating a love of where we live, an understanding of how we live, and an awareness of who we live with builds a bridge between the natural environment and the (human) built environment. This interconnectedness will be a necessity for our coming generations and the collective challenges they will face.

We can all become Earth Friends.

In today's world, it's more important than ever to equip young children with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to become stewards of our planet and to care for all life on it. By introducing young children to positive, play-based, and developmentally appropriate education content about our natural and human-built environments--and the interconnection between the two--we empower them to make informed choices and take meaningful action to protect our Earth and each other for years to come.

As adults, educators, families, and friends we have the opportunity to teach young children to embrace all life on our planet, which introduces them to different cultures, ways of living, areas of the world, beings on the planet, and experiences different from their own. When we teach very young children about their own backyard and what lives beyond their backyard, we empower them with the ability to understand, appreciate, and care for a life beyond their own--a life that might possibly be very different.

Earth Friends brings a love for Earth and all life on it into early childhood classrooms and communities all around the country.



The Earth Friends organization provides environmental education for children from ages 3-8 through the signature program We Are Earth Friends, along with the following:

- a lesson library of free lessons and activities for teachers and families
- virtual and in-person professional development & workshops
- resources and connections for schools, communities, and families

helpful links:

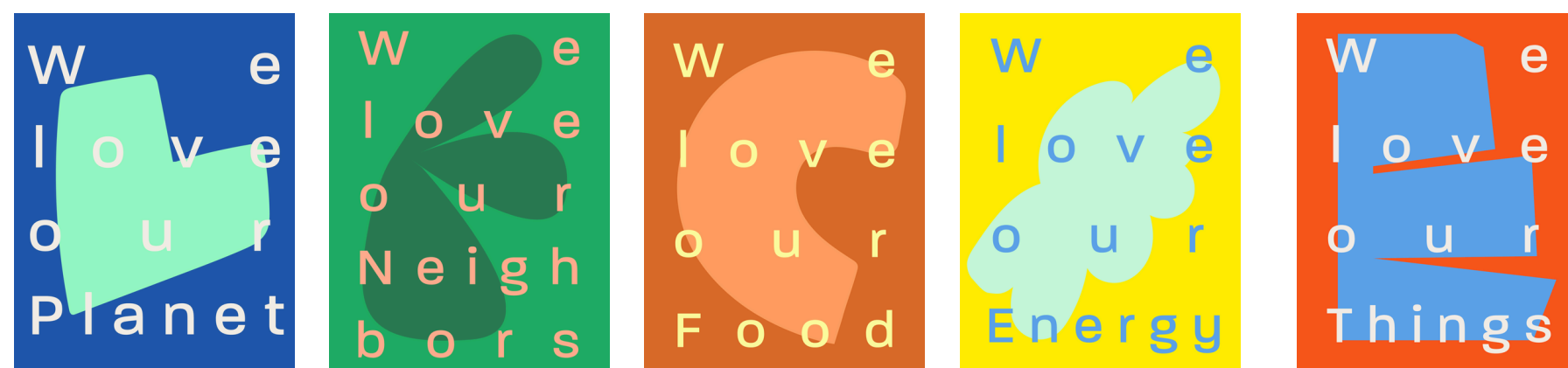
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We Are Earth Friends is a first-of-its-kind approach to environmental education in early childhood, composed of multidisciplinary lessons, social emotional learning, and materials and activities to teach young children the language of caring for our planet and all life on it.

5 modules | 25 lessons | over 100 activities
+ resources and support for teachers , schools & families



We Are Earth Friends has been successfully piloted for 3 years in multiple classrooms with children from ages 3–6. It has also been reviewed by ECE professionals at The College of New Jersey and continues to be used as professional development material for preservice teachers at TCNJ.

We Are Earth Friends:

- follows developmentally appropriate practices (DAP) in early childhood education
- integrates social emotional learning (SEL)
- takes a universal design learning (UDL) approach
- includes supplemental resources and activities for families
- aligns with the following early education performance metrics
 - early childhood education standards as set by NAEYC for children 3–8
 - the NAAEE's "Guidelines for Excellence in Early Childhood Environmental Education"
 - Common Core ELA and Mathematics; Next Generation Science Standards

Program Content & Pricing

([click here to see all pricing options](#))

Program Content (\$150)

- virtual materials: 25 lessons + take-home materials for families; 100+ activities; 5 community engagements; and dozens of sustainable integrations for schools/communities
- professional development: 5 hours of asynchronous professional development (video and exercises) (additional
- resources & support: a growing and evolving hub of support and practice where educators can turn to for resources, support, expanded teaching and continued learning

(\$300)

- all of the above + physical materials: 5 storybooks; 5 photo books; pollinator patch planting kit; and Classroom Earth tracing

helpful links:

- [program overview](#)
- Educator Portal preview: [on youtube](#)



We Are Earth Friends can benefit any early childhood classroom or community.



By using the supplemental resource materials, you can establish a foundation of environmental education in young children ages 3–8 that will prepare them to learn to love and respect our natural and built environments, other people, and their own health and well-being. Whether you follow the suggested framework for consistent learning throughout the school year (Sept–May) or choose lessons and activities that align with your teaching or the curiosity of the class, We Are Earth Friends can enrich any classroom or community by:

- supporting teachers with asynchronous virtual professional development in EE in ECE
- providing comprehensive materials aligned with early childhood learning standards
- encouraging learning throughout all subjects, from art to math to movement and more
- sharing resources for incorporating sustainability practices into your school or community
- introducing activities and information to families that connect them with the child's learning
- inviting opportunities for networking and collaboration with other participating communities.

Are you ready to be an Earth Friend?
to learn through love and curiosity with confidence and respect



Email hello@earthfriends.us.

Or set up a time to chat about how this program could be a great fit for your young children by [clicking here](#).

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