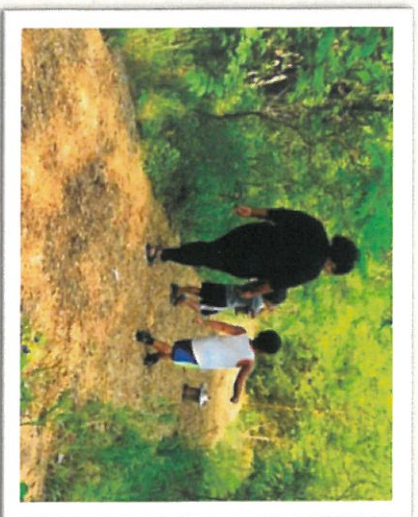


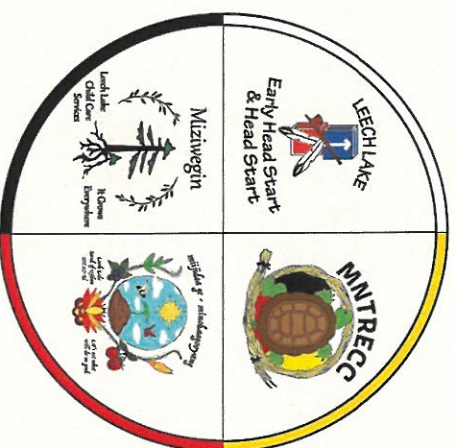
There are many benefits of natural spaces for our children, including;

- Reduction of Stress
- Better Concentration
- Improved Mental and Physical Well-being

When children spend more time in nature, research shows that they are happier, healthier and do better in school.



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Our hope is that we can help our children build a lifetime of healthy habits by connecting them to our language, the woods, our indigenous foods, our harvesting activities as well as to our community.

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MEGWAYAAK

Our Outdoor Learning Space



Located in Cass Lake, Megwayaak is Leech Lake Early Childhood Programs' outdoor learning space featuring a trail, a natural play area and learning spaces for seasonal activities.





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We appreciate all of the support we receive to realize our dreams.

The Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) connect greater Minnesota communities to the University of Minnesota in order to help solve problems and take advantage of new opportunities. As a part of University of Minnesota Extension, the Central RSDP brings together local talent and resources with University of Minnesota knowledge and seed funding to drive sustainability in agriculture and food systems, tourism and resilient communities, natural resources, and clean energy.

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MEGWAYAK

We believe learning about seasonal and food practices and time in the woods will have social, emotional and health benefits for our children, our families, our staff and our community for generations to come.



DEMONSTRATION SPACES:

We are creating a place where community members can share seasonal practices, such as parching manoomin or finishing sugar, with our youngest community members.



WOODED TRAIL/NATURE PLAY:

Our wooded play area will provide an active learning environment where our children will engage all their senses, building their connection to our relatives in the woods. Our goal is for our children to be comfortable in the woods throughout their lifetime.



GATHERING:

We build our children's skills to nourish their bodies by identifying and harvesting healthy traditional foods available here in our woods.

