

January Connections RE NBNW from Chris Kirchner

The New Year will find the children in NATURAL BEINGS IN A NATURAL WORLD continuing to develop an appreciation for the great outdoors as we end our work on WATER and undertake learning about FLORA & FAUNA.

Jan 2 In our indigenous worldview exploration, we have studied water as transportation for centuries, keeping water safe from pipelines, and we finish our study with the water cycle and water as a cyclone. We will practice water measurement and make a storm in a bottle!

Jan 9 Betty Osceola returns to walk UU Miami's five acres, showing us how to identify trees and bushes as nature's garden. We will make labels for our native plants so that everyone can learn what we do!

Jan 16 Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King in the Intergenerational Sunday Service! There are no RE classes today.

Jan 23 We walk the campus to identify lichen, moss and ferns. We find leaves to print as we create ARTWORK to help cement our appreciation. We might have time to enjoy some COONTIE recipes!

Jan 30 How about our palm trees? Can we identify at least 6 different ones? What are our flowering bushes? Can we become seed gatherers? We will keep the beat with tamarind seed pods, and have palms frond relays.

NOTE: We are still in the planning phases for our next guided tour on BUFFALOR TIGER's Airboat Adventure. We are inviting members of the congregation on this trip, for one afternoon between Jan. 22 and Feb. 27.

We are also inviting all families to travel to Ochopee, FL for the Everglades Seafood Festival on Sat., Feb 12. There are over 100 booths of good food and crafts as well as gentle carnival rides. We will have the chance to tour the Museum of the Everglades as well as the Smallwood Store, which is a step back in time. The proceeds help this small town.