

Mission Statement

The Native's Outdoor Classroom was created to provide students with authentic learning experiences that integrate skills and concepts across all subjects and allows students to immerse themselves in the observation and appreciation of the plants and animals, most specifically the pollinators, of native Oklahoma.

Native Oklahoma plants provide the welcome mat for native animals allowing students to observe the life cycles of many invertebrates and some birds. Caring for the garden requires an understanding of the unique features and growth habits of Oklahoma's prairie plants. Both the abiotic and biotic features have and will continue to create an engineering challenge and an opportunity to develop student-guided STEAM projects. In addition, many of Oklahoma's plants come with legends from Oklahoma's Native American populations about the origins of these plants and animals. Artwork enhances the enjoyment of this area and entices students to learn more about the plants and animals of the garden. Our Native's Outdoor Classroom provides possibilities for integration and exploration across all subjects and will hopefully create a sense of wonder and curiosity about the land in which they live.