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## ALL SMILES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



Crystal Lake Montessori School Upper Elementary students (traditional 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades) recently attended Nature's Classroom, a residential environmental education program in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. The students spent four days in hands-on learning about human impact on world ecology via field group studies, duties on a working farm, organic gardening, meal preparation, and maintenance of some of the hundreds of acres of property. They also

participated in world history simulations, team building, and exercises in problem-solving, environmental stewardship, and community cooperation. Established in 1995, Nature's Classroom Institute is located in beautiful southern Wisconsin with diverse and abundant wildlife and plant life. It serves schools throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. For more information on NCI, visit [www.nciw.org](http://www.nciw.org).

Crystal Lake Montessori School is located on Country Club Road between Woodstock and Crystal Lake and offers Montessori programs for children birth through eighth grade. To learn more about Montessori education, visit [www.clms.org](http://www.clms.org) or contact Pamela Zirko at 815-338-0013.