

Nature Notes

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A digital journal documenting the search for truth, beauty and goodness in God's lovely creation throughout the diocese of Fort Worth.

I wonder. . .

What kind of bird built this tiny cup-shaped nest so carefully? Did she notice the plastic she wove in amongst the twigs?

How does the nest strike you? I couldn't stop staring at it. I smiled at the little bird's ingenuity, and the beautiful handiwork of her nest. Imagine making something so round and smooth on the inside- not using hands, only a beak! And I cheered for the little bird, who found a way to upcycle even in her tiny part of the world.

And yet, the plastic woven through the nest haunts me. That barcode, sticking out the side, dares me to put a price on my convenient lifestyle, to be paid by a tiny bird providing shelter for her young.



I notice. . .

Squirrels in the activity courtyard! The lure of the pecan tree enticed them to leap from the roof to the tree. But now, the outermost limbs of the pecan are too flimsy for the squirrels to make the return leap to freedom. The squirrels do have food, water and shelter from predators in the courtyard. But if you have any ideas for a good squirrel escape route, let us know!

Did you know that January 21 is National Squirrel Appreciation Day? Check out this article for more fun information about squirrels: <https://blog.nwf.org/2015/01/10-nutty-facts-to-make-you-appreciate-squirrels/>



Words, like nature, half reveal and half conceal the soul within.

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

Have you ever wondered about an outdoor career?

Green jobs are as diverse and rewarding as the natural world around us. (Okay, I'm a bit biased, but it is a viable career path!) Project Learning Tree just released a new activity curriculum to help students and teachers explore green jobs. This blog post has more information and links to the curriculum.

<https://www.plt.org/news/new-plt-curriculum-introduces-youth-to-green-careers/>

Where to find Mrs. Breclaw next week

Mon- no school!

Tues-9:30-2

Wed- 10-2

Thu-8:30-2

Fri- Project Wild Facilitator training!

Sat- Project Wild Facilitator training!

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In the office immediately to the left of the teacher boxes in room D22.

Please come by anytime! Let's chat about how we can work outdoor learning into your lesson plans!

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