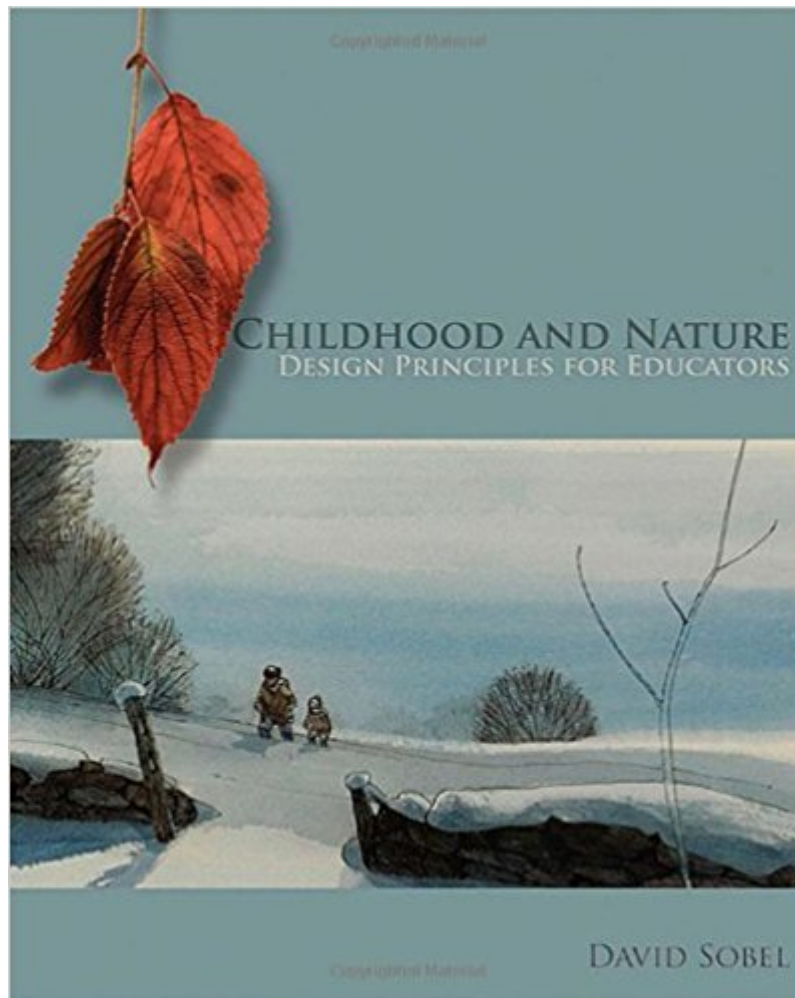




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Childhood And Nature: Design Principles For Educators



Synopsis

Public discussions of global climate change and other threats to the planet are making children more aware of environmental issues. As increasing numbers of kids come to school wishing to take action, educators want to know how to teach in a way that fosters a love of nature and an understanding of the complexity and seriousness of these issues. In *Childhood and Nature*, noted educator David Sobel makes the case that meaningful connections with the natural world don't begin in the rainforest or arctic, but in our own backyards and communities. Based on his observations of recurrent play themes around the world, Sobel articulates seven design principles that can guide teachers in structuring learning experiences for children. Place-based education projects that make effective use of the principles are detailed throughout the book. And while engaged in these projects, students learn language arts, math, science, social studies, as well as essential problem-solving and social skills through involvement with nature and their communities. The pressures of test preparation, standards, and curriculum frameworks often reduce the study of nature and the environment to a set of facts and general concepts. However, as *Childhood and Nature* demonstrates, linking curriculum with an engagement in the real world not only provides students with the thinking skills needed for whatever test comes their way, but also helps them grow into responsible citizens and stewards of the earth.

Book Information

Paperback: 184 pages

Publisher: Stenhouse Publishers (April 30, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 157110741X

ISBN-13: 978-1571107411

Product Dimensions: 7.4 x 0.5 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (8 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #185,682 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #109 in [Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Counseling > Academic Development](#) #171 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Children's Studies](#) #955 in [Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Certification & Development](#)

Customer Reviews

David Sobel, already the author of four influential books, including *Beyond Ecophobia* and

Children's Special Places, has just published a fifth. Called *Childhood and Nature: Design Principles for Educators*, the book provides a guide for fostering in children a love of nature and an understanding of the complexity and seriousness of the issues facing our world. Though geared toward educators, the book is also quite useful for parents and others who are involved with kids or, like me, simply have a strong interest in our human relationship with nature, and how we might mend it. Of particular note is Sobel's last chapter in which he explores the challenge of talking with kids about climate change. What most children learn in school is divorced from the landscape they see right outside their classroom windows, according to Sobel. His life work has been dedicated to fostering children's direct experience of their natural surroundings right alongside learning about history, math, art, and other subjects. In Sobel's words "we must show how School and Mother Nature can become friends again." When the study of nature and the environment occurs outside in real landscapes, children learn much more than just facts and concepts. Such engagement provides students with not only the thinking skills needed to pass tests, but also helps them to grow into responsible citizens and stewards of the Earth. To help educators create nature-based curricula, Sobel articulates seven "play motifs" that he has observed during children's interactions with nature. Based on these motifs, such as "making friends with animals" or "constructing adventures," Sobel offers design principles for developing nature-based curricula.

David Sobel is one of the pioneers of the children and nature movement. His book "Ecophobia," and now "Childhood and Nature," are a must read for educators and parents concerned about the disconnect between children and the natural world.

I loved this book! It is very interesting and informative. Well written, it touches on the need for children to be out in nature and enjoying free, unstructured time to be creative, explore, build, climb, run, fall...whatever they need to do. A necessary read for anyone with even an inkling of interest in what is best for children (and adults).

Resonant for this teacher of young learners. David Sobel understands young minds and the intimate connection between learning and fun. Inspiring for any teacher who feels there must be a better way to design lessons for K-6, even K-8 learners. Applicable beyond outdoor lessons.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Childhood and Nature: Design Principles for Educators Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators (Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators: Creative Strategies & Practical Solutions) Childhood

Illness and the Allergy Connection: A Nutritional Approach to Overcoming and Preventing Childhood Illness
Psicología desarrollo / The Developing Person Through Childhood and Adolescence: Infancia y adolescencia / Childhood and Adolescence (Spanish Edition)
Movement and Experimentation in Young Children's Learning: Deleuze and Guattari in Early Childhood Education (Contesting Early Childhood)
The ABCs of the ADA: Your Early Childhood Program's Guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act
Your Early Childhood Programs' Guide to the Americans with Disabilities Act
Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education with Enhanced Pearson eText -- Access Card Package (8th Edition)
(What's New in Early Childhood Education)
Feng Shui: Wellness and Peace- Interior Design, Home Decorating and Home Design (peace, home design, feng shui, home, design, home decor, prosperity)
Schools That Learn (Updated and Revised): A Fifth Discipline Fieldbook for Educators, Parents, and Everyone Who Cares About Education
School, Family, and Community Partnerships: Preparing Educators and Improving Schools
Asperger's on the Job: Must-Have Advice for People with Asperger's or High Functioning Autism and their Employers, Educators, and Advocates
The Complete Works of Herbert Spencer: The Principles of Psychology, The Principles of Philosophy, First Principles and More (6 Books With Active Table of Contents)
FISH: Fun Facts and Incredible Pictures on Animals and Nature: Fish (AGE 7-12) (Children's Books on Animals & Nature, fish,)
Nature Conservation in Greenland: Research, Nature and Wildlife Management := Naturbevaring I Grønland: Forskning, Natur og Vildtforvaltning := ... (English and Danish Edition)
Action Research: Improving Schools and Empowering Educators
Rapid Whiteboard Videos: Quick Guide for Educators and Marketers Using Videoscribe
One Teacher in Ten in the New Millennium: LGBT Educators Speak Out About What's Gotten Better . . . and What Hasn't
Our Place on Campus: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Services and Programs in Higher Education (The Greenwood Educators' Reference Collection)
The Big Book of Teen Reading Lists: 100 Great, Ready-to-Use Book Lists for Educators, Librarians, Parents, and Teens
Place Value: An Educators' Guide to Good Literature on Rural Lifeways, Environments, and Purposes of Education

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)