



EVERGREEN
BRICK WORKS

School Program

GRADES ONE TO SIX

OUTDOOR EDUCATION IN THE HEART OF THE CITY!



“The best field trip I have ever experienced. It is just what these kids need.”

— a local Grade 3 teacher



\$15 per student/day (Full-day programs only)

Subsidies available for schools that qualify through the HSBC School Bursary program.

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GETTING TO EVERGREEN BRICK WORKS:

To create an experiential, geographical connection between the school and the field centre, we begin the program at Castle Frank Station between 9:30 and 10am and walk to Evergreen Brick Works along the forested ravine trail.

GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL:

A free shuttle bus will take students to Broadview Station between 2 and 3pm.



“Is this Toronto?”

A question we often hear as students descend into the forested ravine.

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550 Bayview Avenue, south of Pottery Road

Evergreen is a national charity that makes cities more livable.

Grade-level Programs

Grade One: The Green City

Students discover the needs of plants and animals by exploring Toronto's ravine system and the Don Valley Brick Works wetland park—both bustling with a captivating diversity of wildlife, including deer, fox, coyote, rabbit, and a host of birds, insects and plants.

Curriculum: The Needs and Characteristics of Living Things (S&T); Materials, Objects and Everyday Structures (S&T); The Local Community (SS).

Grade Two: Water, Water Everywhere

Students follow the flow of water through the forested ravine landscape leading to Evergreen Brick Works. Wearing rubber boots, students explore the dynamics of moving water by playing in a creek—building dams and bridges, and making miniature rafts.

Curriculum: Air and Water in the Environment (S&T); Properties of Solids and Liquids (S&T); Features of Communities Around the World (SS).

Grade Three: Earth Shelters

After exploring wildlife habitat in the ravines, students apply their discoveries to building shelters that mimic the architecture of local plants and animals.

Curriculum: Strong and Stable Structures (S&T); Growth and Changes in Plants (S&T); Soils in the Environment (S&T); Early Settlements of Upper Canada (SS).

Grade Four: Our Home and Habitat

The web of life, the cycles of nature, the flow of energy—these are nature's dynamic designs. Applied to the habitat of Toronto's ravines, these systems reveal the local ecological systems in all their amazing diversity.

Curriculum: Habitats and Communities (S&T)

Grade Four: Fire and Ice

A feet-on-the-ground, hands-in-the-dirt travel through geological time. As students descend into the ravines, they go back thousands, then millions of years and discover an ancient landscape and a storied city shaped by the primordial rivalry between ice and fire.

Curriculum: Rocks and Minerals (S&T); Canada's Provinces and Regions (SS).

Grade Five: Stealing Fire

The fire of the sun flows through the green leaves of the plant world and into the metabolism of animals—the "fire in the belly." Unlike other animals, human beings learned to ignite and control fire. This has been a blessing and a curse. Stealing Fire presents the captivating tale of fire in the city—from photosynthesis to hydroelectricity, from campfire to car.

Curriculum: Conservation of Energy and Resources (S&T); Early Civilizations (SS).

Grade Six: The Living City

Students explore the astonishing diversity of life in Toronto's ravine ecosystem and in the wetland of the Don Valley Brick Works Park. The Living City is also a portal into the past—the landscape known to the First Peoples and encountered by European explorers.

Curriculum: Biodiversity (S&T); First Nations People and European Explorers (SS).