

Teacher Preparation

Classroom VISIT



PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

We are excited to visit your classroom!

Our classroom programs bring interactive, nature-based learning directly to your students. Your educator will arrive with the materials needed for the program. A little preparation before we arrive will help us make the most of our time together.



BEFORE WE ARRIVE

Please help us prepare for a successful visit by:

- Reviewing this guide and the program-specific preparation guide.
- Sharing any school-specific information our educators should know when checking in. This can include:
 - Where to check-in
 - Any requirements – e.g. scanning an ID, signing in through a school-vetted system, etc.
 - Wearing a school-issued name tag
 - Anything that's helpful!
- Preparing the classroom according to any set-up instructions for your program, including ensuring there is sufficient room for students to participate in activities.
- Sharing any information about the group that may help us facilitate an all-inclusive and engaging experience.
- Letting students know that they will be participating in an interactive program where they may be asked to observe, discuss, investigate and work together.
- Follow the additional set-up instructions on the program-specific preparation document.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT



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PREPARING YOUR CLASSROOM

Our programs are designed to be interactive and may include demonstrations, hands-on materials, small-group activities or movement.

Before we arrive, please:

- Make sure there is a clear space at the front of the classroom for the educator and program materials.
- Have students seated and ready to begin at the scheduled start time.
- Complete any set-up listed on your program-specific preparation document.
- Let us know in advance if there are space limitations or other classroom considerations we should plan around.



SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENTS

You know your students best! Teachers are expected to remain with their class throughout the program and are encouraged to participate alongside the students.

Before the visit, please let us know about any accessibility, communication, sensory, mobility, language or learning considerations that would help us make the experience welcoming and accessible. There is no need to provide private student information – just let us know what would help students participate successfully.

DURING YOUR VISIT

Our educators will lead the program and provide instructions for activities.

Teachers can help by:

- Supporting and reinforcing classroom expectations and behavior.
- Sharing any attention-getters or classroom rules our educators should be aware of.
- Helping students transition between activities when needed.
- Encouraging participation and curiosity.
- Participating in activities and discussions alongside students.



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BEFORE WE SAY "GOODBYE!"

We value feedback from teachers and students as we continue developing and improving our educational programs. Your educator may leave you with a short reflection or extension activity.

We request that all teachers complete a feedback form following the visit to help us with the development of our programs.

QUESTIONS BEFORE YOUR VISIT?

Please email education@openspaceauthority.org if you have questions about your upcoming program or would like to discuss accommodations or classroom needs.

