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Worms, Wings and Wonder

Elementary school teachers who are interested but uncertain how to green their school grounds and move their classrooms out of doors should start with Kelly Johnson's *Wings, Worms, and Wonder*. Subtitled *A Guide for Creatively Integrating Gardening and Outdoor Learning into Children's Lives*, Johnson's book is informed by the exemplary Nature Study movement of the early 1900s. Another strength is that her pedagogical approach and her ideas for students' experiential learning are well-ground-

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ed in education literature. Each topic is thoroughly researched and she presents 36 lesson plans that are creative, interdisciplinary, learner-centred, and well-illustrated. These lessons include nature journaling, composting, studying insect mouths and bird beaks, comparing different honeys, reestablishing May 4th as Bird Day, creating a wormery, weaving with natural objects, and preparing a flower salad with a dressing of honey 'dew'. For each lesson, she provides a materials list, preparation steps, procedures, and extension activities. Johnson's goal is obvious: to nurture wonder and ecological literacy in children and adults alike. —(BM)

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