

Dear Parents,

The Miami County Park District has invited us to be part of a great program: Family Nature Quest! **The Park District's goal is to help your family explore the wonderful nature in your backyard and encourage reading utilizing the best in picture books as an inspiration!**

Each student will bring home a sling backpack containing a set of outdoor exploration tools, field guides, and a fun picture book to be read together. The backpack and contents will need to be returned later in the school year. Each week, your child will bring home new picture books to read at home. The books may be read by the child, or with a parent or older sibling. You will find outdoor activity cards for each book in the clear folder. Try some of the outdoor activities on the card, sign the card, cut it out and return it to school.

Students will EARN rocks and prize discovery tools to KEEP by reading and returning their books and activity cards throughout the season. The more books/activities they do the more rocks and science discovery tools they will collect!

Please review contents of this folder for more detailed information. If you would like to learn more about this program please visit the Miami County Park District website at: [www.miamicountyparks.com](http://www.miamicountyparks.com). Click on the PROGRAM AND EVENTS tab, scroll down to FAMILY NATURE QUEST, click on that page and in the first paragraph you will find a link to view a short 13 minute video about this program.

All backpacks, tools and books must be returned at the end of the program.

Feel free to send an e-mail if you have any questions about the program!

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(Please return by this by \_\_\_\_\_)

Yes, my child has received the Family Nature Quest backpack. We will take care of all materials and books. They will be returned to school at the end of the program.

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Parent signature

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Student signature