

Respect for all the Earth's Kin

“All things have a common origin in the sparks of life, every life form and every object has to be respected, just as a person has a life-force, so does a plant, rock or animal. Therefore, everything one sees, touches or is aware of must be given respect. This respect requires people to develop a special consciousness that discourages careless treatment of things.”

*(Dr. Marie Battiste in *The Mi'kmaw Concordat*)*

Suggestions for environmental education activities:

- Show respect for the entire environment (living and non-living things)
- Don't run, scream, or yell. It can be disturbing to the other animals in that environment (and to other students).
- Be careful when touching things. If you lift something up, put it back.
- Don't pick plants if you do not have to.
- Be aware of where you are walking. Some regions may be more sensitive than others.
- Ask questions!
- Use all of your senses all of the time. Keep your eyes, ears, and nose open!
- Always keep in mind that you are a part of the ecosystem.