

# Windows to the World

Putnam Parks and Pathways is sponsoring grants to Putnam County Schools. There are 20 \$50 grants, five for each school corporation. What is going on outside the windows in your classroom?

Deadline is December 11, 2022. Awards will be made in January, 2023.

Ideas for grants ~ Bird Feeder, Flowers, Bird Bath, Rain Gauge, Native Plants, Rock Garden (Pile), Vegetable Garden, Seating, Brush Pile, Tree, or Your Creative Idea.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade or Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Project: No need to itemize.

Mail to: Putnam Parks & Pathways  
12 West Washington Street  
Greencastle, Indiana 46135

Or Email: [friends@putnamparks.org](mailto:friends@putnamparks.org)

## WHY GO OUTSIDE?

Students learn by doing, touching, smelling and using all their senses. The excitement gained by exploring outside can be brought back into the classroom. Students need to appreciate our earth. The smell of spring, the warmth of the sun and the abundance of life around us cannot be taught in a classroom. The ecology of the local area can be used to illustrate textbook concepts. How can you learn about plants without smelling a flower? And going outside is fun!!!

Our children are our most valuable natural resource. They must be educated about the environmental problems of today so they will be able to solve the environmental problems of the future.