Crestline Outdoor Classroom Newsletter "Environmental Science" Barb.helton@hartselletigers.org

Welcome to the new school year! I am so excited to be working with your child in Environmental Science. Our mission for the outdoor classroom is to educate about nature through inquiry and discovery. Our goals are:

- 1) provide students access to a natural environment,
- 2) teach multiple disciplines that meet state standards,
- 3)create a space that encourages creative discovery,
- 4) teach responsibility by maintaining the area.

I will send home a monthly newsletter to let you know what's going on in environmental science. This first month of school, students will explore the outdoor classroom, our rules, and goals for this class and the outdoor classroom. Students have the opportunity to help water plants, take care of our turtles and fish, as well as pull weeds. Our parent volunteers help with projects in our outdoor classroom. If you would like to come up here to help when we do activities, you will need to attend the volunteer training. You can check the school website for volunteer training dates. Our school will also compost from the lunchroom again this year. Ask them what they learned in science today!!

We need the following items if you should have any of these you no longer need:

- black sunflower bird seed
- Shepard hooks to hang bird feeders on
- -bird feeders
- -used ink cartridges (we will recycle these for cash for the school-flyer attached.

Thank you for sharing your child with me this year. I look forward to an exciting and educational year! Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

~ Mrs. Barb Helton~