Visiting Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
I’m going to Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary today. I will need to wear comfortable shoes and clothes that could get muddy. I will be outside a lot today.
I will ride in a bus or a car down a long driveway through the forest. When I see the building I’ll know I’m there.
The exhibit hall building may be the first stop on my visit. If I visit with my school, a naturalist will meet the bus outside and tell my class the plan for the day.
I will have a chance to use the bathrooms which are earth friendly. The toilets use foam to flush. I will press a button before and after using the toilet.
There may be a chance to visit the exhibit hall before or after the walk. I may see some animals in tanks or out the windows. This is a place where I will need to use a quiet voice and walking feet and I may need to take turns.
Another earth friendly feature of the building is the solar panels. These help by using energy from the sun to run the lights and computers in the building.
At the start of the walk the naturalist may hand out some science tools, such as nets and buckets. Students will take turns carrying and using these tools throughout the walk. When it is my turn to carry a tool it is important that I hold it in a safe way.
During the walk I will travel down a long trail through the woods, salt marsh, and tidal flats. It may feel like a long walk, but there will be many stops along the way to look, listen, and feel my surroundings.
When I arrive in the salt marsh it will smell funny and feel squishy under my feet. I may get muddy. The naturalist will help me look for signs of animals that live here, like holes in the ground. I may get to see and hold a fiddler crab!
Next I will walk over boardwalks to reach the tidal flats. Here it will be sandy underneath my feet and I will need to keep my shoes on and feet out of the water. I’ll get to search for shells and animals to learn about with the naturalist.
During the walk back I will be able to share my favorite part of the day with friends.
Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary is a fun and interesting place to visit. There is a lot to see and learn. I will feel happy that I went and had fun outside. The naturalists will be happy that I enjoyed the day!