

NATURAL LEARNING GOALS 2025-2026

ELLA

- Get Driver's License
 - Studied for, tested, and obtained permit
 - Add student to car insurance
 - Practice driving
 - With parents
 - With driving instructor
 - Take Driver's Licensing Exam
- Research Architecture as a potential field of interest
 - Employment options
 - Fields of study
 - Chatham College Environmental Studies
 - CCAC class options?
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- Research & Learn About Animation & Graphic Design
 - Student's dad?
 - Options for consultation work?
- Focus on Math
 - Appropriate app
 - Brilliant
 - Student's dad
 - Math Club
- Increase Social Interactions With Peers
 - OutSchool options
 - In person classes in community
 - Carnegie Library Classes
 - Intro to Ceramics Saturday, October 25th, 11-3 p.m.
Homestead Location
 - Ongoing Teen Time and/or Teen Choice meet up options on varying weeknight times depending on library location
- Expressed Interested in Tech Club hosted by student's dad
 - Coding Club
- Learn French
 - Will research options for online courses
 - Appropriate app(s)?
 - CCAC course?
- Planets and the stars
 - Roof of Science Center option
 - Observatory options
- Continue passing belt tests for Martial Arts program
- Continue to learn about horse and horses
 - Research & engage with horse trainer
 - Tammy (referral from Helen) for onsite training/groundwork

- Samara (referral from Helen; currently at Bethel Park Stables, visiting trainer option)
 - Trail rides with Natalie
 - Ava at Rolling Hills option
 - Weekly lesson option
 - Horse training: agreed to initiate for student's OTTB in Spring 2026
- Participate in Premier Martial Arts new Friday class focused on sparring
 - Bi-weekly class started February 2026
- Research employment options
 - Work permit
 - Online research
 - Printed out & filled out form
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 - Keep open eye/mind when visiting local establishments
 - Aquarium options?
 - Pittsburgh Zoo
 - Keystone Safari?
 - Volunteering as a segue to employment?
 - Carnegie Library
 - Summer Paid Internship (ages 16-19, \$12/hour)
 - Student choice(s):
 - Hot Topic (South Hills Village Mall)

NATE

- Room Project
 - Consider any other changes would like to do to complete bedroom remodel
 - Will go through items in room to determine if keep, donate, or sell
- Continue to Learn How to Ride & Maintain ATV
 - Maintenance?
 - Riding trails:
 - Mines and Meadow ATV/RV Resort—Trails, ATV Riding & Dirt Bike Riding experience
 - Ben Franklin Range
 - Other(s):
- Try out Trader Jack's Flea Market
 - Participate as sellers?
 - Research cost of participating
 - Time options
- Continue Spray Paint Art as Desired
- Interested in Either Math Focused or Tech/Coding Focused Club with Students' Dad
 - Monthly clubs for math and for coding
 - Brilliant app
- Increasing Movement/Activity Level
 - Hiking
 - Field trips
 - Science Center
 - Natural Hx Museum
 - Heinz Hx Museum
 - Gettysburg, PA
 - Amtrack to D.C.
- Research & Travel to Air Craft Museum on Air Craft Carrier: possibly NYC?
 - Military vehicles museums or displays in general also
 - Tank Museum: Kentucky
 - PA locations?
 - Cold War Nike Missile Command Center in Allegheny County
- Participate in Air Soft Activities
 - Initiate with rental option to gauge interest then continue with purchasing equipment if desired
 - Air soft shooting range
 - Expressed possible interest in joining local homeschool airsoft group
 - Expressed definite interest in individual participation
- Guest Room Project
 - Go through guest room learning items to either keep, sell, or donate
 - Take to Trader Jack's
- Research & Explore Local Thrift/Antique/Salvage Stores
 - i.e., Trax Antique Shop
 - Antique Store (across from Finleyville Tractor Supply)
- Research Options For Entry Level Employment

FIONA

- Bedroom Project
 - Research new room objects/furniture to purchase
 - Strawberry bed (Amazon)
 - Rug
 - Curtains
 - Paint: white?
 - Other
 - Purchase items
 - Clear out and fix walls, etc.
 - Paint
 - Assemble and arrange furniture
 - Move into new bedroom
- Focus on Math
 - Appropriate app
 - Math Club
 - Board games: not interested
 - Other:
- Research and Explore Cosplay Conventions With Intent to Attend
 - Research anime characters
 - Toga himiko, ochako uraraka, neito monoma, & nezuko kamado
 - Research options for chosen character(s) attire and accessories
 - Doki Doki Cosplays site
 - Purchased Nezuko Kamado cosplay set
 - Research options for conventions
 - November 1st-10th
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- Learn to cook
 - With guide
 - Student would like to research recipes, choose option, gather ingredients, and make food items
 - Continue to cook dinner when chooses
 - Not interested in Open Kitchen option (see weekly options)
- Increase skills with painting, drawing, and sketching
 - No outside classes
 - Open to a class led by oldest student
 - Acrylic paints, watercolors
 - Digital drawing and sketching
- Explore Egyptian Studies
 - Natural History Museum: Egyptian Hall
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- Learn about fostering an animal
 - Consider animal choice, age choice, etc.
 - Cat, dog, bird, horse
 - Research foster options & Find organizations to partner with:

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- Research supplies
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 - Lease working horse for barn for winter
 - Check in with Patty re: Chips as possibility
- Volunteer Options
 - Research options at local animal shelters
 - Animal Friends:
 - Humane Society:
 - (Winter) Volunteer with Senior Humans
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- Research & Learn About Wig Wearing and Styling
 - Find options for reputable cosplay wigs
 - Apply learnings to ordered wig

GROUP GOALS

- Tech Club
 - Coding
 - Other:
- Math Focused Club/Class
- Website
 - Categories: reading logs per student, time log, field trip Fridays, objectives, images, calendar?, links to community projects
- Ongoing Community Giving Back Project
 - Option 1: Support Local Barn Horses With Donations Of Senior Feed and Alfalfa Cubes

 - Option 2: Lease Senior Horse with intent to provide care and nutrition for winter months (i.e., Cheyenne, 30+ working horse at RHR, December thru April)

 - Option 3:
 - Research additional organizations
- Gaming Club ?
- Anime Watching Club
 - Set up Crunchy Roll app on TV
 - One Piece series
 - ___ oldest student's choice that entire group enjoys watching together
 - My Hero Academia: Vigilantes with youngest student
 - Jujutsu Kaisen & Gachiakuta series with oldest student
- Self-Care
 - Ongoing attempts to implement on daily basis
 - Lists created by everyone for self
 - Lists of Calming Strategies on poster of Peace Table
 - Spa Day?
 - Other:
- Travel goal locations:
 - Future:
 - Hawaii (Fi)
 - Australia
 - Austin, Texas
 - Washington D.C.
 - State Park(s)
 - Montana Dude Ranch experience
 - California
 - Lake Tahoe
 - Beach destination
 - Wolf Rescue (PA)
 - Gentle Barn, CA location
 - Other:

WEEKLY OPTIONS:

- Monday
 - At Home:
 - Field Trip:

- Tuesday
 - At Home:
 - Martial Arts

- Wednesday
 - At home:
 - Field Trip:

- Thursday
 - At Home:
 - Martial Arts

- Friday
 - At home:
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- Weekends
 - Barn Time
 - Activities to include students' dad

WEEKLY OPTIONS:

Greatness Mondays:

- Learn a new word (in English or another language); culture day where each month we learn about a culture; awesome people day where we learn about people who have done great things (i.e., Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Black entrepreneurs/inventors/activists, Indigenous people/tribes, astronauts, archeologists, kids...); ...

Crafty Tuesdays:

- Arts/Crafts
 - Participate in art/craft project including puzzles
 - Learn about art genre, skill, person
 - Chinese Ink Drawing: learn about art specific to a culture

Music Day Wednesdays:

- Learn instruments with Ella
- Online concert options
 - Prerecorded live concerts to listen to/watch as we work
 - YouTube stations to find new music or artists
- Pick an instrument to learn about
- Pick a genre of music
- Pick a culture to learn about instruments, music specific to
- Family band practice

Active Adventure Thursdays:

- Try a new exercise (i.e., boxing, martial arts, yoga, meditation, tai chi, KB, rock climbing, arial yoga, etc)
- Obstacle course
- Outdoor fun/exercise (i.e., hike, climb a tree, find waterfalls, look at fall leaves, rate best park, explore Botanical Garden more, ...)

Friday Foodie (see additional word doc)/Book Club:

- Renamed Fun Food Friday per group discussion

Fun Food Friday

- Research recipes
- Purchase ingredients with grocery order set by Tuesday before
- Primary chef or Chef of the Day with rest of group serving as assistants