

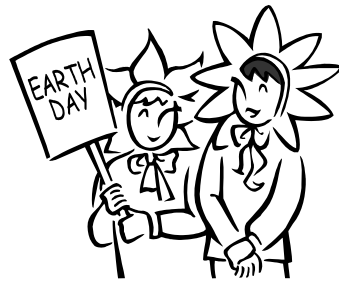
Learning about Nature

Humans have great impact on nature. We need to teach our children to respect and care for the natural world.

Spring provides lots of opportunities for children to learn about nature.

April 22 is Earth Day. On Earth Day many people work with family, friends and neighbours to clean up outside.

There are many simple and beautiful children's books which explain the natural world. There is a book list below, or you can ask at the library.



Let your children help you -
Reduce
Reuse
&
Recycle

How can you help?

With your child:

- Go for a walk. Listen for and count the sounds of spring.
- Leave soft materials outside, like hair from a hairbrush or lint from the dryer. Watch the birds take these things for their nests. This idea is from **The Kids Canadian Bird Book**.
- Play with a balloon. How long can it be kept up in the air?
- Give your child a magnifying glass to look at new leaves, sand, and more.
- Visit a local greenhouse/garden centre to see and smell the plants.

BOOK List



Spring is Here
Splish, Splash, Spring
The Carrot Seed
The Kids Canadian Bird Book
WHY do sunflowers face the sun?

Taro Gomi
Jan Carr
Ruth Krauss
P. Hickman
Scholastic

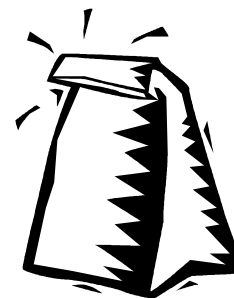
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Learning Outdoors

Take a Nature Walk & Make a Collage



Materials:

- Paper bags (enough for each child)
- A place to walk that is rich in nature
- Paper
- Glue
- Crayons (and other creative that the children enjoy).

Give your child a paper bag and go on a nature walk. As you walk, encourage your child to pick up rocks, bark, grass, leaves, flowers, and nuts. Put these things into the bag.

Talk with your child about what you see and hear in nature. Allow time for your child to observe and ask questions. At home, set out the art tools and let your child create a collage using the things in his or her paper bag.

Nature Rubbings Book

Materials:

- Lightweight paper (recycled copy paper works well)
- Old crayons with no wrappers

Encourage your child to place paper over outdoor objects and areas (e.g. sidewalks, tree trunks, grass, exterior of buildings or fences) and rub with crayons. Have your child arrange the rubbings in order from smoothest to roughest. Label each rubbing with the proper source and bind them together to create books.



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