



Taking children on a nature walk gets them outdoors and aware of the natural objects that surround them. Children will delight in hunting for natural things and in making a nature poster when they return. By labeling the objects on their posters, this activity helps children develop early literacy and pre-writing skills.

Supplies



- ★ Brown Paper Bags
- ★ White Glue
- ★ Black Marker
- ★ Large Piece of Paper
- ★ Objects Collected from Nature (e.g. Leaves, Feathers, Grass, Pine Cones, etc.)



Nature Poster

Skills Learned: Language / Literacy Skills, Creativity / Play

Directions

- 1 Tell the children that you are going to go on a nature walk. Prepare them by talking about things in nature they might see.
- 2 Give them each a paper bag to collect some things. Tell them that they will only collect things that are already on the ground. Remind them to leave flowers and leaves on the plants and trees.
- 3 Take the children on a walk outdoors, if possible in the neighborhood or in a park close by. Talk to them about the things they are seeing and choosing to put into their bags.
- 4 When you return from the walk, look at what they collected in their bags, asking the children to name what they've found. (List the items on a large piece of paper.)
- 5 Finally, cut open their paper bags and flatten them.
- 6 Have the children glue some of their treasures onto their pieces of brown paper.
- 7 Ask the children to name some things on their posters. Label the items with a black marker.
- 8 Talk to the children about their completed posters.
- 9 Hang their posters at child's eye level for the children to enjoy.

Tips For Mixed Ages: Infants and toddlers will enjoy a stroll outdoors. 3's may need a bit more assistance than 4's and 5's.



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