

SEASONAL RESOURCE SHEET

Yippee! Spring is here, and the whole living world is waiting outside; the bright sunshine, the scents of fresh air, warmer weather and blooming flowers. Being outside every day with children, we have the opportunity to invite them to immerse themselves into the place where they are living and provoke a sense of wonder by using all their senses. The development of wonder toward and connection to the earth is the task of educators. Exploring ecological identity with young children can help them gain a stronger sense of place and nourish a strong connection to nature. Children can foster more complex understandings of the environment and have an empathic and compassionate relationship with nature.

Spring Inspired Indoor & Outdoor Sensory Activities



Nature Art

There are endless ways children can use natural materials to make art that is colorful, textural, and even environmentally friendly. As an added bonus, it's all free! Such connections with nature give children a break from today's digital lifestyle and help support the development of their fine motor, critical thinking and creativity skills.

<https://www.artcraftykids.com/art/bold-beautiful-nature-art-ideas-for-kids/>

Eggshell Countertop Garden

Gardening is always a good idea at the beginning of spring. These are easy and fun activities using egg cartons or a basic seed starting kit, filled with soil. There are lots of learning opportunities to develop new skills, such as science, literacy and motor skills.

<https://blog.jungseed.com/12-fun-garden-activities-to-do-with-your-kids/>



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As children engage with the world they delve into inquiries, generate new ideas, solve problems, and build theories of people, places, and materials.

BC Early Learning Framework, p. 75.

Discover Loose Parts

Bring a spring story book to life. Collect wooden loose parts and lay them out for children to use as they wish to recreate scenes of creatures and characters from the book. After you read the story a few times, ask the children to retell the story in their unique way.

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/188517934385624317/>



YMCA CCRR Library - 11194 Trees & Nesting Blocks

Stories Using Loose Parts

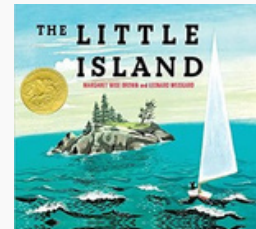
Create rich experiences for children to investigate texture, colors, patterns, create stories, construct and employ various problem solving skills. There are so many opportunities for children to explore using their imagination!

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People build connection and reconnection to land, culture, community, and place. Children develop a sense of place when they connect with their local communities and outdoor environment. Early learning is 'of a place' when children and educators engage with local histories with respectful curiosity and a desire to contribute and share. British Columbia Early Learning Framework, p.21

Place is any environment, locality, or context with which people interact to learn, create memories, reflect on history, connect with culture, and establish identity. They connection between people and place is central to First People's perspectives of the world. B.C. Ministry of Education, 2016

Book Inspiration?



Early Learning Library Resources



36902 Egg Hunting



32448 Gifts from Raven



15708 Woodland Playscape