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# Take a Walk, Look Closely

**Objective** To spend time walking in the natural environment and making observations using your senses.

# STRATFORD ECOLOGICAL CENTER

Educational Farm & Nature Preserve

### Materials:

- An area to walk in. This can include your backyard!
- Pencil, pen, crayons, markers or paint
- Paper
- Books and/or computer (optional)

### **Procedure**

- Go for a walk, listen with your best listening ears and look closely.
- Find one animal and one plant and remember at least 3 things about each.
- When you get back, draw or paint a picture with your animal and plant included.
- Try to remember some of the sounds you heard on your walk, and try to include a visual representation of the sounds in your picture.

## Tips & Tricks:

- Try to find plants and animals you don't know the name of. See if you can research the name of the plant or animal.
- Instead of painting or drawing a flower, paint/draw a tulip. Instead of painting or drawing a bird, paint/draw a Cardinal or Bluejay.
- Use this walk to learn more about the plants and animals you see everyday!

This activity is appropriate for any age!

However, here are some coordinating **ODE Learning Standards**. This is not an exhaustive list.

- ⇒ Kindergarten Life Science Concept:
  - Living things have specific characteristics and traits.
- ⇒ Kindergarten Visual Arts Concept:

Generate ideas and images for artwork based on observation, memory, imagination and experience

⇒ Grade 1 Visual Arts Concepts:

Generate artmaking ideas from their daily experiences and the environment. Explore and use a range of subject matter to create original works of art. Create artwork based on observation of familiar objects and scenes.

⇒ Grade 2 Visual Arts Concept:

Generate artmaking ideas from their daily experiences and the environment.