EARTH DAY MENU

PRE-SCHOOLS

ECO-CRAFTS
• Make fairies and fairy houses with materials you can find outside. Sprinkle rain and blow wind on the houses to test for durability!
• Collect natural materials and create animals out of them.
• Draw your favorite animals and what ecosystems they call home.
• Make your own Earth out of clay.
• Paint a plant and animal for each letter of the ABCs.

ENGAGE THE SENSES
• Create musical instruments out of reused plastic items and start a band.
• Blindfold students and have them explore items from outside like leaves and sticks with their hands. Describe what they feel and smell like!
• Use snack time to talk about where fruits and veggies come from.
• Learn and perform songs about the Earth.
• Practice animal sounds and movements.
• Go outside and watch the clouds go by. What do they look like?

READING
• Read books that will ignite your students' curiosity and inspire them to care for the planet. Look for topics on -
  ◦ Weather
  ◦ Animals from all habitats
  ◦ Gardening
  ◦ Trees and forests
  ◦ Diverse eco-heroes
  ◦ Caring for each other
• Check out our list of Books for Budding Environmentalists.

STEWARDSHIP
• Learn how to recycle! Make a game out of putting the correct items in each bin.
• Plant a garden. Start your seeds inside and watch them grow!
• Spend time outside. Making memories outdoors is a great way to build connections to nature.
• Come up with ideas to reuse plastic or paper items in the classroom.
• Build insect hotels or decorate bird houses to place outside.
• Assign eco-responsibilities in the classroom.

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