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 <u>Books for Budding</u> <u>Environmentalists</u>.

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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