



## Theme: Plants (Grades 3-5)

### Post-Visit Activity #2 Found Art!

#### Overview:

Students will create a masterpiece out of objects found in nature.

#### Objectives:

- Students will learn about conservation, recycling and their environment.
- Students will get an understanding of reusing objects found in nature.

#### Materials:

- Paper
- Glue
- Objects
- Paper bags
- Other art materials, such as paint, crayons, and construction paper

#### Activity:

1. Discuss the concept of reuse.
2. Inform the class that they will be going outside for a short walk to gather objects found in nature.
3. Give each student a paper bag to carry during the walk.
4. Students will select 5-10 natural objects to pick up off the ground. They are not to pull leaves or flowers off trees, only pick up those that have fallen off naturally.
5. They can place these objects in their paper bags.
6. Have the students create a masterpiece of nature using their objects in a collage.
7. Share with the rest of the class.
8. Reinforce the idea of the beauty around us and the concept of reuse.

#### Suggested Reading:

1. *Eddie's Garden* by Sarah Garland. Eddie learns all of the things plants need in order to grow as he and his family create their own garden.

2. ***The Gardener*** by Sarah Stewart. In the middle of the Great Depression, little Lydia Grace finds happiness in a new home by gardening to create beauty.
3. ***Jack's Garden*** by Henry Cole. Readers get an up-close look at a garden and its inhabitants as it is planted and grown by Jack.
4. ***Ladybug at Orchard Avenue*** by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Readers follow a ladybug through a garden as it prepares for the cold winter ahead.
5. ***Miss Rumphius*** by Barbara Cooney. A woman discovers the splendor of plants and the wonders of seed travel while on a quest to make the world more beautiful.
6. ***A Packet of Seeds*** by Deborah Hopkinson. Annie's mother is upset about having to move away from their home, but finds comfort in creating a garden full of plants from home.
7. ***A Place to Grow*** by Soyung Pak. A father teaches his daughter about the importance of a proper environment, both for plants to grow, and people.
8. ***Plantzilla*** by Jerdine Nolen. Mortimer Henryson and his family learn about the importance of caring for a plant when Mortimer brings Plantzilla home from school.
9. ***Tops & Bottoms*** by Janet Stevens. A clever hare tricks a lazy bear out of his share of the harvest until the bear understands the value of hard work in the garden.
10. ***Weslandia*** by Paul Fleischman. A boy creates his own civilization entirely based on his garden with unusual plants.
11. ***Whose Garden Is It?*** by Mary Ann Hoberman. Mrs. McGee learns about the great amount of impact a garden and the plants within it have on many different creatures.