

Curriculum for Pre-K: Eco-Exploring

Take Home Opportunities

A sampling of learning experiences, in addition to the Discoveries-to-Go, that provide ways to engage families and connect them to what children are learning.

Skill and Concept Focus

An easy way to see a sample of learning experiences that focus on colors, shapes, numbers, and/or letters.

Subtopic 1: The Environment We Live In

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Sparkly Ocean Water	13
Thank-You Cards	16
Rock Band	16
Paper, Rock, Scissors	17

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Say "O" Say "Ocean"	12				
Making Waves	12				
Rocks Measure Up	14				
Thank-You Cards	16				
Dirt as the Canvas	17				
Paper, Rock, Scissors	17				

Subtopic 2: How Weather Impacts Environments

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Pet Rocks	24
Weather Scenes	28
Paper Snowflakes	29
Wind-Powered Paint	29
Move with Rain Sticks	31

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Rainproof Words	25				
Clap It, Tap It, Snap It	26				
Itsy Bitsy Sequence	28				
Ants in a Row	28				
Weather Scenes	29				
Paper Snowflakes	30				

Subtopic 3: Creatures and Their Habitats

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Animal Puppets	40
Drawing Animals	40
Animal Masks	41
Animal Details	41
Our Feathered Friends	44

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Five Green Frogs	36				
Making Tracks	37				
Spider Decider	38				
Life Cycles	39				
Animal Puppets	40				
My Farm	41				

Subtopic 4: Being Green

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Old News	49
Tip Sheet	49
Round and Round	53
Green Bags	53
Button Up	54

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
The 3 R's	48				
By the Numbers	50				
Not Like the Others	51				
Reuse Tradition: Quilts	52				
Button Up	54				
One for All/All for One	55				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

Amazing Animals – Young children are fascinated with all kinds of animals. This topic provides the opportunity to explore many types of animals, their attributes, the type of foods they eat, and much more. (She Swallowed What?, p. 18; Who Can It Be?, p. 20; My Territory, p. 21; Ant Farm, p. 26; Play Opossum, p. 32; Our Feathered Friends, p. 44)

Weather Station – Using plastic thermometers, tornado tubes, maps, sounds of weather, raincoats, boots, mittens, hats, scarves, and more, create a weather station in your room. Invite your local meteorologist to your class to discuss how weather is predicted. (Weather Changes, p. 22; Clouds in the Sky, p. 24; The Wind Blows, p. 24; The Sun's Job, p. 27; Raindrop Painting, p. 29; Weather Sounds, p. 30)