

Curriculum for Threes: 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
Grow a Little Bean	13
Natural Builders	16
Feather Painting	17
Rub a Leaf	17
Tree-Part Painting	17

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Finding Stones	12				
Plants Are for Planting	13				
Sorting Seeds	14				
A Special Tree	16				
Hideaways	20				
Corn Bread for Birds	21				

Subtopic 2: How Weather Impacts Environments

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Learning Experience	Page Number
What Do You Do?	24
Colors of the Rainbow	26
Windsocks	29
Make a Rainbow Stew	29
Streamers in the Wind	31

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Clouds in the Sky	24				
Make Mud Cups	25				
Blow the House Down	26				
Make a Rainbow Stew	29				
Streamers in the Wind	31				
Watch Clouds Move	32				

Subtopic 3: Creatures and Their Habitats

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Our Across the Way	36
Painting with Straw	40
Track It	41
Animal Tracks	41
Animal Hopscotch	43

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
Building a Barn	40				
Purple Cow	42				
Three Square	42				
A Feast for Us	44				
Animal Cookies	45				
Poor Kitty	45				

Subtopic 4: Being Green

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Sending Messages	48
Let's Make Paper	52
Reuse-It Mobiles	52
Sawdust Creations	53
Eco-Art	53

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Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Numbers	Letters
This One or That?	48				
What's Missing?	49				
Can I Make a Rock?	50				
Clay Play	52				
Conserving Water	54				
Parade the Recycled	55				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

On the Farm – This topic provides the opportunity to explore farm animals, their habitats, where some food comes from, and the job of the farmer. (Where Will I Get This?, p. 37; Animal Sounds, p. 38; Building a Barn, p. 40; Farmers Are We, p. 40; Purple Cow, p. 42)

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)