

Curriculum for Toddlers: 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 beginning concepts of colors, shapes, science/math, and print awareness.

Subtopic 1: The Environment We Live In

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Flower Collage	13
Flower Power	13
Leaf Art	13
Grass Dancing	14

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Science/Math	Print Awareness
Flower Game	11				
World of Wonder	11				
Circle of Grass	12				
Grass Dancing	14				

Subtopic 2: Weather Changes

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Rhyme and Paint	19
Rain Sounds	19
Cloud Dancing	20

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Science/Math	Print Awareness
Weather Symbols	17				
Rhyme and Paint	19				
Cloud Dancing	20				
Raindrop Toss	21				

Subtopic 3: Creatures and Their Homes

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Bugs on the Flowers	23
Stickers and Scribbles	25
Animal Prints	25

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Science/Math	Print Awareness
Animal Crossing	23				
Bugs on the Flowers	23				
Creatures in Books	23				
Animal Prints	25				

Subtopic 4: Being Green

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Learning Experience	Page Number
Outdoor Painting	31
Art From Throwaways	31
Recycle Tap	32

Skill and Concept Focus

Learning Experience	Page Number	Colors	Shapes	Science/Math	Print Awareness
Finding Green	29				
Earth Salad	30				
Litter Bags	31				
Recycle Toss	32				

Expanded Interest Area Ideas

Weather Station – Using umbrellas, raincoats, boots, hats, scarves, and mittens, this topic provides the perfect opportunity for children to explore weather. (Cloud Watching, p. 16; Weather Symbols, p. 17; Thunder Sounds, p. 19; Under the Umbrella, p. 21; Weather Clothes, p. 21)

In the Garden – Growing plants is a great way to promote “being green” and is a fun activity for small children to participate in. Create a container garden inside your classroom, or if space permits, create your own garden outside. Children will love watching the transformation of a seed to a flower, herb, fruit, or vegetable. (Yard Work, p. 13; Leaf Art, p. 13; Dig, Dig, Dig, p. 14; Our Own Garden, p. 28; Dig in Dirt, p. 30)