



Preschool Nature Activity

Nature Collage

What you need:

- Various nature items- leaves, flowers, small seeds, cones, grass, etc.
- Basket or bowl for collecting nature items
- Cardboard, construction paper or paper plate
- Glue and scissors



Background:

Preschoolers love to explore, touch, sort and design with nature! A nature collage is a perfect way to let your child explore outside and be creative. For safety, help your child choose the nature items for their collage so they stay away from plants that are thorny or toxic. Picking up fallen nature items from the ground is usually a safe bet! While out collecting your nature collage items, take time to talk about the plants and animals, answer questions and guide your child's discoveries.

Nature Collage:

1. To begin, you'll need a piece of paper, cardboard or paper plate. You can cut your paper or cardboard into a specific shape like a heart, triangle or tree shape.
2. Have your glue ready. Either liquid glue or glue stick will work.
3. Grab a basket or bowl and explore your yard or neighborhood for a variety of natural items. Make sure the items are small enough to stick to the glue.
4. Encourage your child to look for different colors, shapes and sizes.
5. Once you have enough nature items (10-15), it's time to start designing.
6. Assist your child with the glue if they need help, but otherwise let them create a collage of their own invention. It could be a specific design like a rainbow or random nature items glued all over, whatever they like!
7. Once they are done gluing, let the nature collage dry.
8. Take a picture of your child's collage and share it on THPRD social media: #thprd or @THPRDNature
9. Start planning your next collage!

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