

# Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **Second Grade**

#### Activity #1:

Materials: paper, pencils, crayons, stapler

Create a journal. Be sure to put your name on it (this is your journal!).

Head outside to the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Walk around the classroom for five minutes. Then, find a spot by yourself to free-write in your journal.

#### Activity #2:

Materials: paper, pencils, crayons

Head outside to the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Find an animal or plant in the area. Watch the animal or plant for several minutes. What is it doing? What are some words you would use to describe your plant or animal? Is it moving? How?

Then, find a spot to sit to write a short story about the plant or animal.

When you head back inside to the classroom, proof read your story. Re-write your story and put it into a book format.

Draw pictures to go with your story.