

Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

LANGUAGE ARTS

Kindergarten

Activity #1

Materials: piece of paper (one per student), pencil, (camera optional)

Write the letters of the alphabet on a piece of paper. Head outside to the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Go on an "alphabet walk through the classroom or school grounds looking for objects or plants that start with each letter of the alphabet. When you find one, cross off that letter on your sheet.

You may also want to take a picture of each object(s) and plant(s) you find for each letter. Then, make a classroom alphabet book for students to look at. Or, print off enough pictures for each student to have at least one picture per letter of the alphabet. Have students make their own book, use this as a means of measuring student's understanding and comprehension of letters.

Activity #2

Materials: small pieces of paper, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, camera

Head outside to the outdoor classroom, take pictures of lots of objects. Print the pictures. Help students make labels for each of the pictures.

Or, place the labels in the outdoor classroom or school grounds (make sure they are weather-proof).