

Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

SOCIAL STUDIES

Pre-Kindergarten

Activity #1:

Materials: piece of paper

Work together as a group to establish rules for when you are exploring outside. Help guide students to create reasonable and important rules. Examples include: treat the plants with respect, encourage and help other students to explore and learn, do not be disruptive, stay with the group, etc.

It is important that the students help establish these rules as they will be more likely to follow rules they helped establish.

Activity #2:

Head outside into the outdoor classroom or school grounds to look around. Do you see any trash? Help care for your outdoor classroom and neighborhood by picking up any trash. Can the trash be recycled? Talk about what things can be recycled and what items should simply be thrown in the trash.

While you are outside, take stock of any potential problems you may foresee with your students. Staying one step ahead of your students will mean the difference between a successful learning experience in the outdoor classroom or school grounds and a disaster!