

NATURE FRIENDS

Purpose:	To discover different types of nature friends such as animals, reptiles, and insects										
Materials:	<p><i>Find My Friends</i> board book by Carl Sams and Jean Stoick</p> <p>Replicas or photos of animals, reptiles, and insects mentioned in the story</p> <p>One clear container or shoe box with tree bark, several with twigs and leaves, and one with feathers</p>										
Activity/ Experience:	<p>Give each child a photo or realistic replica of a nature friend mentioned in the story.</p> <p>Read the story to the children.</p> <p>Ask children to show their nature friend when you read about it and to place it on the floor.</p> <p>After reading the book, ask children to name other nature friends.</p> <p>Ask children to march or dance around the room with their nature friend as you sing a song.</p> <p>Suggest children hide their nature friend in one of the containers/shoe boxes.</p> <p>Talk about the color of their nature friend and the color of the materials they are hiding in.</p>										
Questions to Ask:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you think a bed of leaves would feel? • Why do you think the fawn is hiding? • How do think an alligator's skin feels? • Why do you think it's easy for the katydid to hide on the green leaf? 										
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GROWING THINGS

Purpose:	
Materials:	<i>Who's In the Garden?</i> board book by Phillis Gershator and Jill McDonald
Activity/Experience:	
Questions to Ask:	
Vocabulary Words:	

SEASONS

Purpose:	
Materials:	<i>My First Flip-Flap Book of Seasons</i> by Early Start Editors and Robert Salanitro
Activity/Experience:	
Questions to Ask:	
Vocabulary Words:	

ON THE FARM

<p>Purpose:</p>	
<p>Materials:</p>	<p><i>Touch and Feel Farm</i> board book by DK Publishing</p>
<p>Activity/Experience:</p>	
<p>Questions to Ask:</p>	
<p>Vocabulary Words:</p>	

ROCKS AND SHELLS

Purpose:	
Materials:	
Activity/Experience:	
Questions to Ask:	
Vocabulary Words:	

BIRDS, NESTS, EGGS

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Materials:	
Activity/Experience:	
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