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# Summer Learning

## Nature Observation

Record observations of objects, animals and items in your surroundings.

Create an art piece from objects found in your environment.



### You'll need:

- Journal book or paper you have on hand
- Paint, markers, watercolor paint, crayons, pencils, etc.
- Glue (if desired to make objects permanent)
- Ruler or measuring tape to make measurements
- Found objects in nature, such as sticks, pine cones, leaves and acorns

### What to do:

#### OBSERVATION CHALLENGE

Watch the world around you and track the things you see.

1. Get outside and safely look for objects, animals and items. Pay attention to the things you see, such as the number of flowers, pine cones, animals, the length of puddles, animal tracks, shapes of leaves and the height of a stream.
2. Record what you see. Note your observations in many ways. Keep a journal (it can be as simple as using a piece of paper). Use tally marks, track using shapes and simple numbers, make simple drawings and journal your observations.
3. Don't forget to use your ruler or measuring tape to take measurements.
4. You can make your observations over an entire week and watch for trends!



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## FOUND ART CHALLENGE

**Find and collect items in the natural world and create a piece of art.**

1. Find and collect objects around you. (They can be sticks, stones, pine cones, acorns, leaves, etc.)
2. On a piece of paper, arrange these items to be a piece of art.
3. Experiment and play with shapes. Your creation can be whatever you would like.

### **Suggested challenges:**

- Create a word that describes yourself.
- Create a face from items you have found.
- You can enhance your found objects by decorating the paper that the objects are on.

Don't forget to take a photo of your creation and share it on social media with **#CCPLSummerSTEAM** to get credit for our Summer Reading Game!

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