



Teacher Toolkit

Activity: Get OUTSIDE Scavenger Hunt

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Grade Level(s) Pre K- 4th

Activity Description

Take students outside and have a scavenger hunt with the natural world around them! For an extra challenge, use a bandana and have them do the activity by memory!

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Instructions

- Walk students outside. As nonchalantly as possible, pick up 3-5 natural objects along the way. (This can also be done beforehand, but make sure the objects are items that are around at the time of the walk.)
- At a good stopping point, tell students that you have a challenge for them. Have the students make a circle around you, and turn around. While they are turned around, place your found objects under the bandana.
- Let the students face you again, and tell them the challenge is a scavenger hunt by memory! They have a few seconds to memorize the items under your bandana, then go get them and come back. This works best with a time frame and boundaries. For example: Tell them they will have 10 seconds to look, then one minute to hunt and come back. Tell them they can go between the building and the big oak tree.
- Pick up the bandana, let the students memorize for a few seconds, place the bandana back and let them go!

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Instructions (continued)

- Tips:
 - Give students a chance to come back and look again if they need to, within reason
 - Try not to comment on the objects until the hunt is over and you go over it as a team
 - Younger kids = fewer objects. 2-3 is good for Pre K, 5 is fine for 4th grade
 - Have fun! This activity is highly adaptable. You can look for leaves, seeds, rocks, even litter is safe. Whatever the objects are, use them as a learning opportunity.

Materials Needed

- Bandana
- Found natural objects (if necessary 'plant' some objects outside for the students to find)

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