



You are your child's first teacher!

Taking a family Nature Walk to look for Signs of Spring:

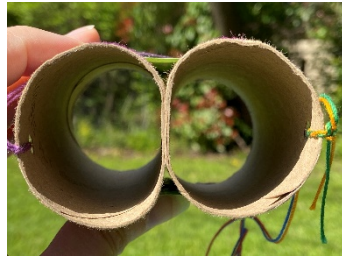
- When you wonder out loud and along with your children you are modeling a sense of curiosity, communication skills, and vocabulary.
- Ask deeper questions using "how" and "why" statements to prompt scientific thought and conversation beyond identification.
How did this leaf get here? Why do you think it happened that way? How would a squirrel, bird, or bug use this leaf?
- Silly answers are OK - use them! Silly answers can lead to creative story telling (literacy skills) or a fun art project.

Love, laugh, and learn together!

Make it Fun

Recycle those toilet paper tubes into a pair of binoculars!

- Tape two tubes together, then decorate to make this pair of binoculars your own.
- It's a big world for little children: using a viewfinder like these tubes can help young children focus in on a discovery.



Take it Further: Nature Journaling

Nature Journals can take your learning to the next level:

- Make a scientific collection by taping small discoveries - no writing skills needed.
- Chart your discoveries with your children to practice counting and math skills.
- Practice pencil grip and draw your discoveries.
- Use your journaling to reflect on your time spent together.

