



FLOWER PRESSING



In this lesson, children will explore the different flowers found in nature.

BACKGROUND:

A flower, sometimes known as a bloom or blossom, is the reproductive structure found in flowering plants. Flowers may facilitate outcrossing resulting from cross pollination or allow selfing when self pollination occurs.

MATERIALS:

- A heavy book to press the flowers between
- Wax paper or cloth or paper
- flowers



PROCEDURE:

- Collect flowers from a hike or around your home/block
- Examine the flowers you have collected and pluck them from the stem and if the flower is thick you cut it in half
- Place the flower between two pieces of paper, and place them within the pages of the book.
- Depending on the size of the book, you can press multiple flowers at once. Make sure to space them out so that the moisture from one flower doesn't transfer to another.
- To weigh it down use more books or something heavy to place on the book.
- Once it is closed. Be sure not to disturb the arrangement of the flowers upon closing.
- After two to three weeks, the flowers will be completely dry. When removing, use a pair of tweezers, or very carefully use your fingers, as a completely dry flower is very delicate.
- You can frame your flowers or make a journal with them.

CONCLUSION:

Encourage your child to think about the role of flowers. Point out fruit trees and explain that the flowers will turn into fruit. You can start a field plant journal. Each entry could have the flowers pressed or drawn with some information in each entry

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