

November Rocks!

Somehow, I forget just how windy the month of October can be. We learned a lot about nest building last month by having to rebuild sections of our kid-sized nest due to wind damage. It truly is amazing what birds can accomplish with their tiny beaks as opposed to two very capable hands. We learned that we need to create branch posts to fortify the walls of our nest. We also learned the importance of long, natural fibers for the stability of our nest. The nest is coming along very nicely and I can't wait for you all to come see it. I am leading a family nature experience on Saturday, November 7th at Educare Learning Center. I hope you can make it. We will be working on the nest and, trust me, you will not believe your eyes! Your little ones have been helping me gather materials and build this nest all month. They are so excited about it! Here is a picture:



November's focus will be on ROCKS & Minerals! We will focus on the different types of rocks & minerals that can be found in our area, but will discuss other common types of rock as well. We will discuss edible rock (salt), liquid rock (magma), magnetic rock (magnetite), rock formations, and rock uses. We will also get creative with rocks (of course!).

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE
NATURE-AL DISCOVERIES
BULLETIN BOARD FOR YOUR
CHILD'S DISCOVERY WALK DATE!
Please feel free to join us!**

FAMILY FUN

Did you have a pet rock when you were in grade school? I did! I remember how much fun it was to find the perfect rock, paint and decorate it, and give it a name. Help your young naturalist find the perfect rock. Once you have decorated and named it (as a family) help your child write a story about the rock (or a 'rock ballad'). Bring the rock and the story to ELC and I will take a picture of the rock and post the picture with the story in our rock gallery! Most important part: HAVE FUN!



IN THE CLASSROOM

Everybody loves Rock n' Roll!

- Materials:** Rocks, small box with lid or closeable flaps, paint
- Gather rocks of different shapes & sizes
 - Place a piece of paper in bottom of box
 - Drop paint colors into box (allow kids to choose colors).
 - Close box with lid or flaps
 - Shake, rattle & roll
 - Remove paper and display the artwork

Sing-Along

Five Little Birdies

Five little birdies sitting in their nest
Singing to their mama and doing their best
One flew off and left the rest
Now there are four little birdies in that nest!

Four little birdies sitting in their nest...
Three little birdies sitting in their nest...
Two little birdies sitting in their nest...

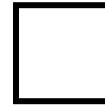
One little birdie sitting in his nest
Singing to his mama and doing his best
He flew off and left the nest
Now there are no little birdies in that nest!

KIDDIE COVE

Can you find these rocks (and others) outside?
Start a collection!

Check them off when you find them.

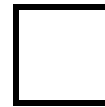
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Rose Quartz



Limestone



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