

Nature Near You

Journal Prompt:

Go on a 15-minute nature walk and write or draw your surroundings. What do you notice most?

Animal of the Month: Kermode Bear



Kermode bears, also known as spirit bears, are a type of American Black Bear that has recessive genes that make its fur a light cream color. They are found in British Columbia's north and central coasts, and are only found in BC! The animal feeds on salmon, berries, fruit, insects, fawns, and other things that can be found in its forested BC habitat. They are extremely rare, with only about 400 of the bears remaining in the wild.

At Home Activity: Nature Tic Tac Toe

What you need:

- 10 rocks
- Paint, markers, or other decoration supplies
- A pen, marker, or chalk
- A piece of cardstock or cardboard

How to:

1. Find 10 rocks in nature to be your Tic Tac Toe game pieces.
2. Decorate 5 of the rocks in identical ways. They can be all the same color, or the same pattern.
3. Decorate the remaining 5 rocks in a different color or pattern.
4. Draw a Tic Tac Toe board on the sidewalk with chalk, or on your cardstock or cardboard with your pen or marker.
5. Play Tic Tac Toe with your painted rocks!

Other Resources:

Make a Stick Wind Chime: Learn how to make a colorful and easy wind chime with natural objects. <https://happyhooligans.ca/homemade-wind-chimes/>

DIY Bouncy Ball: Learn how to use science and materials you have at home to make a DIY bouncy ball. <https://www.the36thavenue.com/how-to-make-a-bouncy-ball/>