

Nature Near You



Journal Prompt:

What are you most excited to see in nature this spring?



Animal of the Month: Meadow Vole



Meadow voles are small rodents that are found all across North America. They live in grassy areas in places like agricultural fields, marshes, open-canopied bogs, and forested areas. They love to eat all kinds of greenery. These animals are small but mighty: the 4.5 inch creatures can run as fast as six miles per hour!

At Home Activity: Paper Bag Flower Crown

What you need:

- Brown paper bag
- Scissors
- Tape
- Flowers
- Glue
- Decoration supplies
 - Markers, paint, etc.

How to:

1. Fold open your paper bag so it lays flat.
2. Cut a 4-6 inch strip, depending on how thick you would like your crown to be.
3. Cut a zig-zag along the top of your strip.
4. Go outside! Collect flowers you want to adorn your crown with.
5. Glue or tape your flowers onto the crown.
6. Cut the crown to the circumference of your head and tape it into a circle.
7. Add other decorations to your crown with markers and paint.
8. Wear your crown!

Other Resources:

Teaching Equity through Gardening: How nourishing plants can teach the difference between equity and equality to kids. <https://www.edutopia.org/article/teaching-concept-equity-through-gardening>

Nature Art Frames : Appreciate nature's beautiful scenery with this easy activity! <https://childsplayabc.wordpress.com/2020/06/08/nature-art-frames-2/>

