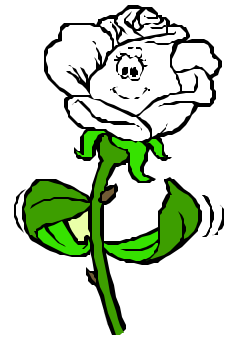


Fun Club Activities!!! (some may take Mom And Dad's Help!!)



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You may need your mom or dad's help for some of these activities:

- Make garden journals to keep throughout the year.
- **MAKE A SCARECROW!!** Hammer 2 narrow boards in a cross. Use one of your old shirts, pants, shoes, mittens and accessories for the body. Head can be an old t-shirt stuffed and rubber banded.
- Tuck a bulb here and there to have some early spring flowers.
- Transplant perennials. You'll love the soft leaves of lamb's ear.
- Gather seeds from marigolds, native wildflowers, sunflowers to plant next year, or make a seed identification book, or use in a drawing or a collage.
- Build a community compost area and start composting the vegetable and fruit scraps from lunches.
- Adopt a plant and keep a journal on it (measurements, characteristics, what the class likes about it, drawings...). You may want to work with a sick plant and then revive it with worm castings, light and regular watering.
- Do an outdoor experiment. My favorite is to bury a nylon stuffed with natural and plastic materials. Dig it up again in months. Observe changes.
- Make a note card by folding white construction paper in half. Place dried flowers on front and cover with a sheet of clear contact paper. Write a note to someone special.

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- Use the weather center. Check the temperatures and graph regularly. After a rain, check the rain gauge. Observe and discuss changes.
- Make a book out of zip lock bags. Collect treasures outside and dictate what they are on each page.
- Make a wreath for birds. Use a grapevine wreath and cool glue and dried sunflowers, popcorn cobs, pinecones, and a few dried flowers to attract birds.
- Prepare soil by turning with a shovel for the spring planting.
- Make a wood chip garden. Collect rounds of trunks from Christmas tree sales. Cool glue gun on Spanish moss and small plastic animal. Poke in an air plant or succulents.
- Make a root view box by cutting a side of a milk carton. Line with overhead plastic film, fill with soil, and plant seeds close to side. Cover with black paper and take off to view.
- Expandable peat pellets are amazing. Use to start seed or propagate begonias, coleus, spider plants, etc.....
- Provide the birds with nesting materials. Hang a mesh bag on a fence in an out of the way place and weave in a variety of materials (hair form brushes, yarn, string, dried grass.....). Watch these materials show up in nests.
- Plant lettuce in any creative container. Looks great and fun to nibble.

Try a few of these ideas, and get reconnected with Mother Nature. Your kid's will Thank You for it!!



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