

KEEP BUSY, KEEP LEARNING - AGES 2 TO 5

MOVE! Salmon Says - salmon are cold water fish

You'll need: space



- This game is just like Simon Says, but with a fishy twist
- Whomever is “it” calls out actions (ex: “Salmon says... jump up high”) – they are the Salmon !
- If the Salmon calls out an action without starting their sentence like this: “Salmon says... ” those who do the action anyway must do 5 jumping jacks
- Try calling out nature/animal actions (ex. “Salmon says...crawl like a bear, paddle a canoe, cast a fishing rod, etc.)

LEARN! Patterns in Nature - patterns all around us

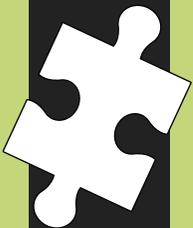
You'll need: sidewalk chalk, outside space/asphalt



- Spring is the perfect time to search for animal tracks! In the snow – in the mud
- Animal tracks form a pattern – if we look closely, we can find out who it belongs to, which way they were travelling and sometimes how fast they were going
- Use your sidewalk chalk to make patterns of animal tracks all over the asphalt
- Can you make these tracks? Bear, moose, snake, turkey, fox

CHALLENGE! Spring Scavenger Hunt - colours all around us

You'll need: empty egg carton, markers, outside space



- Open your egg carton and colour the bottom of each space with a different colour
- Make your way outside and find an item, small enough to fit in the egg carton that matches each colour

CREATE! Pine Cone Bird Feeders - spring snacks to help the birds

You'll need: large open pine cones, twine, bird seed, peanut butter or vegetable shortening



- Spread the shortening all over the open pine cone, and in each space
- Pour the birdseed in to a shallow dish and roll the shortening-covered pine cone in the bird seed to cover it well
- Tie the twine in to a loop and attach it to the top of the pine cone to hang in a tree near by
- Watch your feeder carefully! Keep track of who comes to visit it

REFLECT! Changes in Nature - spring is a time of change

You'll need: crayons, notebook



- Find a spot to sit outside and DRAW all the things you see around you
- What do the trees look like? The ground? The sky? What living things do you see?
- Keep this artwork – and come back, sit in the exact same spot and draw what has changed by the middle of the summer? the fall? and winter!