



Think Earth at Home: K-3 Outdoor Activities

Take a Nature Walk

1. Go for a walk outside. Ask children to point out things that are *natural* in the environment, such as grass, trees, flowers, birds, squirrels, ants, spiders, water, rocks, sunshine, clouds, and air. Ask them to also look for things that are *manmade*, such as roads, buildings, and cars.
2. Back at home, ask children to draw at least one thing they found that is natural and one thing that is manmade.
3. Extend this activity by asking children how we use different natural resources such as plants, water, and sunshine.



Take a Litter Walk

- Bring pencil and paper on a walk around your neighborhood to pick up litter. **Safety note:** Be safe! Wear gloves, collect litter safely, and be sure wash your hands when you are done.
- As you collect each item, write it down. Put the items into categories, such as paper, plastic, metal, glass, food. What category has the most items? What items are found most often?
- Have children make a poster encouraging neighbors not to litter and hang it outside, or write and draw anti-litter messages using sidewalk chalk. If you post a photo to social media, please use the hashtag #ThinkEarthatHome so we can share it!

Take a Pollution Walk

1. Go for a walk around your neighborhood. Ask children to look for signs of pollution in the environment. Look for things that are making our air or water or land dirty, such as:
 - vehicles emitting smoke
 - unclean dumpster or trash areas where garbage is collected
 - litter
 - storm drains that are clogged with trash
 - pet waste
 - oil or other chemicals that have leaked from vehicles
2. Talk about why each pollutant you discover is bad for the environment, such as vehicle emissions polluting the air we breathe, or littered plastic cups or 6-pack rings harming animals that eat them or get stuck in them.