

Bloom Fun Activities

On a family walk, observe the various flower blooms on trees, shrubs, and grasses. Be sure to get permission from owner of flowers before, if intending to pick any blooms.



Art

- Take pictures of the bloom to make an artsy collage.
- Young children can practice color identification.
- Create a still life portrait of a flower using color crayons, oils, paint, markers, chalk, etc.
- Some flowers can easily be pressed. Place flower between some newspaper and compress on a hard surface under heavy books. Every few days change out the newspapers and repress to prevent molding from trapped moisture. Display the dried flower blooms in a picture frame.

Math

- Counting practice: count how many petals an individual flower has. Older children can practice division, while young children can practice making groupings (if ok to tear apart flower) to determine if the plant is a Monocot or Dicot (Plant category). A monocot will have petals in sets of 3. A dicot will have petals in sets of 4 or 5. (Another way to determine is a monocot will have parallel veins in the leaves, while a dicot will have branching network of veins in the leaves.)
- Play "Greater than or Less Than" activity of which tree/plant/shrub has more blooms.

Language Arts

- Compare/Contrast: have child find other things that are similar to a flower bloom such as same color, size, shape, texture. Compare 2 different flowers how the same and different.
- Create a simple song incorporating the flower. Opportunity to practice rhythm and rhyming.
- Write a poem or creative short story to build imagination and handwriting skills.

Kinetic Sensory

- Compare texture of flower petals and leaves of various flowering plants.
- Write a poem or short story to strengthen hand muscles.
- Some flowers can easily be pressed and dried. Place flower between some newspaper and compress on a hard surface under heavy books. Every few days change out the newspapers and repress to prevent molding from trapped moisture. Display the dried flower blooms in a picture frame.

Science

- Dissect a flower bloom. Identify the parts of a flower. Research what the function of each part of the flower bloom.
- Research to identify what type of pollinators would visit the flowers you have found.

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