

## Ideas for 20 Minutes Outside By: Generation Wild

Because quick nature breaks are the ultimate mood booster! Here are some ideas for a quick 20 minutes of outside time with the little ones.

### **HOST A MUD PARTY**

Get the mud and fun flowing. Try mud painting. Make mud pies. Squish mud between your toes. All it takes is a big bucket, dirt and water and a little imagination.

#### ADD WATER & CHILL

Fish for marbles. Fill a baby pool with ice and water. Then add marbles and try to fish them out with your toes. Or do a frozen T-shirt challenge. Freeze tees and water in plastic bags. See which friend can break the ice to wear one first.

#### CAMP IN YOUR BACKYARD

Just pitch a tent or sleep under the stars in your yard. Make some s'mores and enjoy an adventure close to home and indoor toilets!

### GO ON A COLOR SCAVENGER HUNT

Search for things outdoors that match colors of your choice. Could be flowers, bugs, the sky—whatever catches your eye. Bonus points if you capture a photo or drawing of what you find.

### **MAKE SUN PRINTS**

Place colored construction paper outside in the sun. Make a design on top of it with leaves, sticks, rocks and other stuff. Then let it set out, and in a few hours, the sun will turn it into a wild piece of art. Don't forget to sign your masterpiece!

### MAKE NATURE FOSSILS

Form clay into circular shapes about half-inch thick. Find interesting rocks, leaves, sticks and plants that you can press into each piece of clay and remove. Boom! Instant fossils.

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every day. There
is important
information
there! Also,
make sure your
child always has
a change of
clothes and/or
diapers/pull-ups,
if necessary.
Thank You!

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# Caterpillars/Buttercup Butterflies



Summer fun! The Buttercups will be having water days three times a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Also lots of exploring dinosaurs, farms and even a petting zoo! Please have your child supply a bathing suit, swimmers and towel.

-Meme, Ms. Stacey & Ms. Brittany

## **Pixie Butterflies**

Hello Pixie families! For the month of June, Pixies will welcome the new season of summer by engaging in a variety of summer activities including water days Monday, Wednesday and Friday! Pixies will also finish their number book to share with families! We look forward to a wonderful new month!



- Ms. Vanessa, Ms. Ally & Ms. Andi



This month we get to continue spreading our Elf Butterfly wings to grow our insect knowledge. As we are approaching summer, we ask that you please start bringing in a labeled bathing suit and towel for our water days on Wednesdays and Fridays over summer! Just like the Giant Water Bug, we are excited to splash.

-Ms. China & Ms. Deja

## Julia Butterflies

This month we will start our summer program on June 6th. We will have water days on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, movie days on Wednesday mornings and a visit from the petting zoo. We will need a bathing suit and towel labeled with your child's name on each item to be left at school for our water days. We look forward to a fun month of June!

-Ms. Paige & Ms. Fallon



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## Ms. Fallon's Birthday—June 20th

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### SET UP A TOY CARWASH

Here's something cool to do on a hot day. Grab your toy trucks and cars and hold your own mini carwash. And if a water fight happens to break out, it'll be even cooler..

### PLAY FLASHLIGHT TAG

At dusk, grab some friends and a flashlight, and it's game on! Whoever gets tagged with the light beam is it.

#### MAKE LEAF ZOMBIES

Collect rocks and interestingly shaped leaves and make zombie, ghost and monster faces out of them.

### FEED YOUR BIRD CURIOSITY

Hang up a bird feeder and then sit back and watch the airshow. Keep a list of how many birds visit, make drawings of them and keep it all in a journal.

### "COLLECT" SOME BUGS

Grab a camera and explore your yard or local park. See how many bugs you can add to your photo collection. If you're nice, they might even smile for the camera.

#### MAKE A ROLY-POLY HABITAT

Get a container that allows for airflow, and fill it with dirt, dead leaves, rotting wood and moss. Then add some rolypolies. After having some fun watching it, set them free.

#### **GO ON A SAFARI**

Have someone hide toy animals outside and let the search begin. If they're hidden too well, hints like "cold!", "warm!" and "hot!" will help guide you.

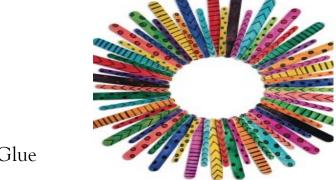
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## Craft Stick Wreath

This month's craft idea is for the little older kids and grown-ups alike. It can be modified for the little kids by using Elmer's glue instead of hot glue.

## What you will need:

- Craft Sticks
- Marker for Designs
- White Paper Plate
- Scissors
- Paint
- Hot Glue Gun and Glue
- Hole Punch



- 1. Using a round dessert plate, draw a circle on the white paper plate roughly 4-5" in diameter. Cut out the circle.
- 2. Paint the plate a nice background color that matches your craft stick palette. Let dry. Design your craft sticks with the marker while the plate is drying.
- 3. Start laying out your craft sticks around the paper plate. Start by placing the sticks in the 12,3,6 and 9 o'clock positions. Align the tip of the stick with the edge of the center hole and glue them down.
- 4. Continue filling in the remaining spaces with the craft sticks and glue down the sticks as you go. Fill up the entire plate.
- 5. Punch a hole in the top of the plate to be able to hand your wreath.

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## Super Supper

Taco Pie w/ Fruit Pick-up day is Thursday, June 9th.

Pulled Pork w/ Potato Salad & Baked Beans Pick-up day is Friday,

\$5.00 each Payment is due before pick-up

June 17th.

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#### Vision:

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