



***The Calgary Zoo's Schoolyard Naturalization Program***

***Craft Ideas***

Leaf Prints	Collect a variety of leaves and flowers. Arrange them in a desired design on a piece of paper. Brush the back of a leaf with tempura paint and place it carefully on the paper. Smooth the leave down gently, and peel it off.
Nature Art	Collect a variety of leaves, flowers, pinecones, seeds and twigs from the schoolyard and incorporate them into landscape drawings or paintings.
Plant Pots	Decorate paint cans or fruit crates to make planter for the classroom. The planters can be used to start plants from seed.
Nature Frames	Cut out picture frames from cardboard and decorate them using dried leaves, flowers, twigs, pinecones, and seeds.
Rubbings	Try rubbing leaves and petals on a sheet of paper to create colour. Wrap paper around the trunk of a tree and rub crayon over the surface of the paper to pick up the texture of the tree.
Twig Models	Collect a variety of twigs to make stick men, animals, and shapes or weave a bird nest. Try using wire the hold the twigs together.
Rock Animals	Collect rocks of different shapes and sizes. Experiment putting rocks together to make animal shapes. Once an animal form has been selected, glue the rocks together using a glue gun. Colour the animals using paint or markers.