

Woodsy Owl's Curiosity Club- Trees

Safety Disclaimer: This program is designed for children WITH their parent or caretaker. Please review this program and designate a safe place for you and your child to participate. Woodsy Owl's Curiosity Club usually takes place at the Cradle of Forestry in America during the summer, weekly from 10:30am to 12pm. Since the Corona Virus we are designing new ways for children to learn about nature and stay safe. For 2020 we are offering these Digital Woodsy Owl programs for adults to be able to lead at home. Please enjoy and we hope to see you and your child for our 2021 programs at the Cradle.

About Woodsy Owl:

Caring, friendly, and wise, Woodsy Owl is a whimsical fellow and he's got his heart set on motivating kids to form healthy, lasting relationships with nature. As Woodsy flies across our land, he encourages youngsters to marvel at and explore the natural world, even in the city. His motto "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!" encourages everyone to make a positive difference in their world. Woodsy Owl was created by the US Forest Service and these educational programs are brought to you by forest service partners- FIND Outdoors.

Story Time:

I Can Name 50 Trees Today! By Bonnie Worth (part of the Cat in the Hat Learning Library)
You can watch Stephanie read this book here, <https://youtu.be/-5vQanEJLBY>

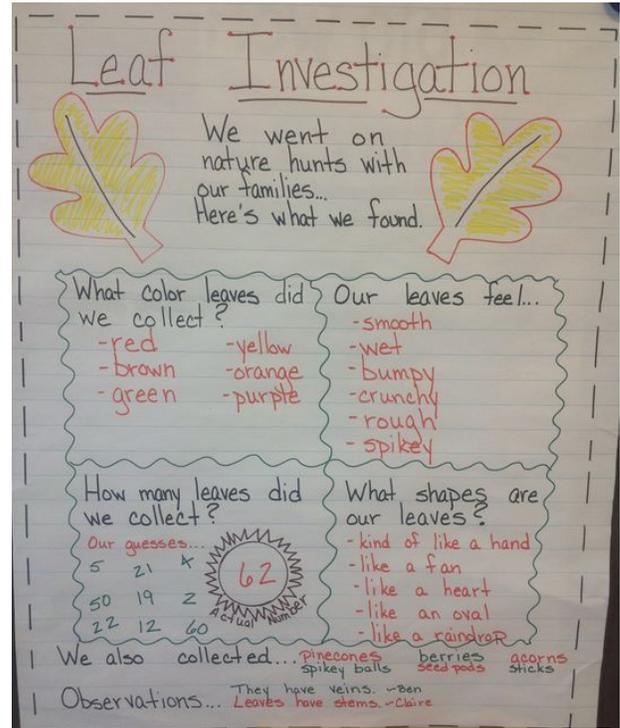
Free Printable Tree book for your walk from Teachers Pay Teachers,
<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/My-Tree-Book-Freebie-1507104>



Activity: Tree Walk & Leaf Investigation

Take a basket or bag along on your walk. Collect leaves for investigation and craft. Once back home, take out your leaves and have your child sort them (by color, shape, size). Then have them measure the leaves. Guide them through an investigation, recording information about the leaves you collected. You can use an online dichotomous key to ID your trees here,

<https://www.arboday.org/trees/index-identification.cfm?TrackingID=404>



Craft: Leaf Rubbing

Here's How to Make a Leaf Rubbing:

- Collect as many leaves as you can find (best if they are on the ground) of all shapes and sizes as you explore outside.
- Lay out your leaves on a table, position leaves vein side up in a pattern that you find pleasing.
- Lay a sheet of plain white paper over the top of the leaves, making sure the leaves underneath don't move around.
- Select the crayons you would like to use to create your leaf rubbing. Any color will work. Peel off the paper wrappers, so you don't have to worry about them getting in the way.
- Turn a crayon on its side and gently rub over the sheet of paper. Make sure you do your rubbing on a flat, hard surface, so the leaves won't slide around and the leaves' shapes will appear more distinct on the paper.
- The leaf images will magically appear on the paper! Try to ID your leaves and write the name of the tree the leaf came from.

