



OBSERVING ON A NATURE WALK

Purpose: To encourage teachers to observe nature closely so they can guide children to do the same

What to do:

1. Outfit each teacher with a magnifying glass, a piece of paper, a pencil, and a clipboard.
2. Take participants outside for a brief walk and encourage them to observe plants and other natural things—such as feathers, animal holes, and rocks.
3. Ask each teacher to draw one thing in detail after observing it closely through the magnifying glass. Encourage teachers to write titles on their drawings or to label parts.
4. Gather the group and ask for volunteers to share their drawings.
5. In the classroom, children could use science journals for this exercise or use their drawings as a starting point for a writing project.

