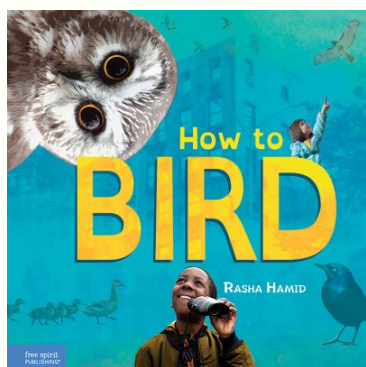


Preschool Pages: Celebrating the Earth

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*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
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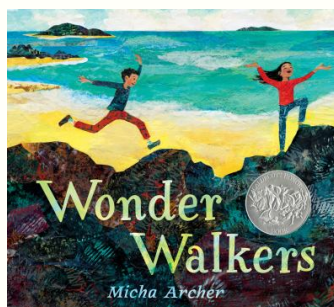
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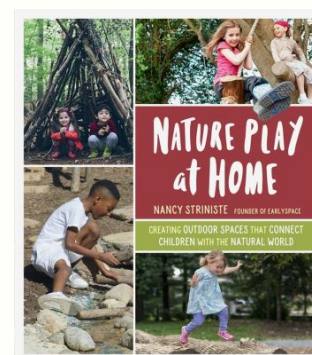
Both Ms. Kary and Ms. Megan love to bird watch! This nonfiction picture book is the perfect way to introduce bird watching to any child. Showing how birds live in many environments, Hamid encourages readers to take in nature all around them and to be mindful, even in a bustling city.



Can a boy and a bear be friends? These two characters are excited to explore nature and have an adventure in the forest. Can they do so together? This book has beautiful illustrations and is a perfect read-aloud to a group of kids.



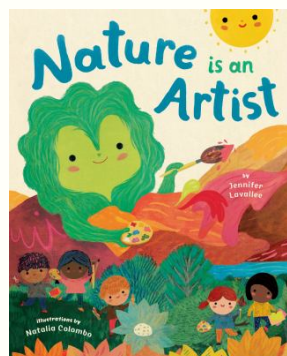
Two children head outdoors and wonder about nature in creative ways. Are trees the sky's legs? Is the wind the world's breath? A Caldecott Honor Book for its beautiful illustrations, this picture book encourages readers to go outside on their own wonder walks.



Our Parent/Teacher Collection is full of great books, including this title that includes a variety of ways to connect kids to nature. From elaborate (building an insect hotel) to simpler (encouraging your child to play with natural "loose parts"), this book is full of ideas for how to create nature play opportunities.



This board book illustrates through beautiful pictures the life cycle of a pumpkin. Kids can watch a seed sprout, flower, and then a pumpkin appear. A perfect entry point for young kids into nature and how plants grow.

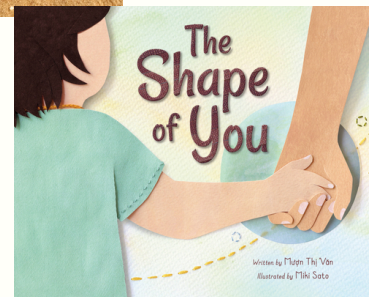
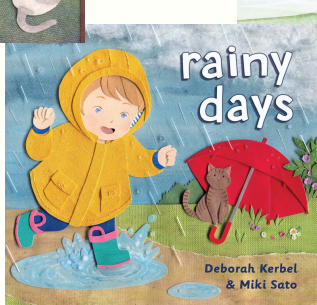
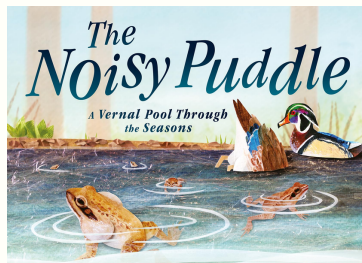
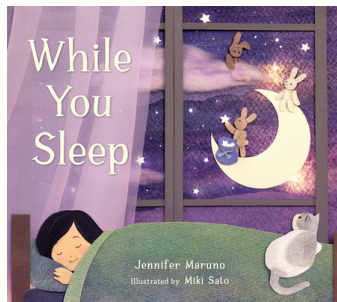


A personified Nature encourages children to make art based on nature's own creations. A sunrise inspires a finger painting. Scattered flower petals evoke a collage. A river worn canyon can be echoed in a child's sand towers. Each art project is very achievable or can spark new artistic endeavors!

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

MIKI SATO

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Miki Sato. A mixed media illustrator, Sato weaves wonders by combining a variety of materials. Her collages create depth and dimension, making you doubt whether the pages you're looking at are indeed flat. Her work particularly highlights the beauty of nature and mindfulness.



Beyond the Book!

- As Hamid emphasizes in her book, the wonderful thing about birds is that they live in so many places! Which means you can make a bird feeder with your child and the birds will very quickly come for a meal, no matter where you live. Earth Day is a great time for recycled crafts, too. You can make a bird feeder with something as simple as a toilet paper roll and some string. Or you can decorate a tin can, egg carton, or a plastic jug!
- Reading *Nature is an Artist* reminded me of making fairy maps with my children when they were little. We would gather fallen items from our backyard: petals, leaves, twigs, etc. Copious amounts of glue adhered the items to a piece of cardboard. Let your child's imagination soar as they create labels for the spots on the map. Will there be a Rose Fairy House? A path of twigs called "Stick Street?" Crayons or markers can add fun geographical features too.