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Field Journal

Creating a field journal is easy. All you need is a notebook of some kind. It can be a spiral binding or a hardbound journal. It can be a paper or plastic folder with a 3-ring prong to place notebook paper in for writing. I like to use a 3 ring binder with pockets on the inside cover and place plastic inserts with the notebook paper so that I can keep specimens with my writing.

You will need a pen, pencil or marker to write down your findings. You may want to take a paper or plastic bag with you to put your specimens in while you search.

Our first entry to our field journal will be about plants. On Saturday, October 13, we will begin our Young Naturalist Program for ages 6-10. At 10 a.m., we will learn about different types of plants and how they are used for food, fragrance, and even medicines. If you would like to join us, please register here online today.

If you cannot attend, please continue to visit our website at www.lloydlibrary.org. On the Kid's Page, we will show you how to make your own field journal as well as different projects each month that you can make at home.

Now, let's continue with our field journal.

What to do:

1. Visit your backyard or a nearby park with your parents and observe the different types of plants there. Write down what you see. Do you see flowers? What color and shape are they? What do they smell

like? Draw a picture of them in your journal and write down why you chose them.

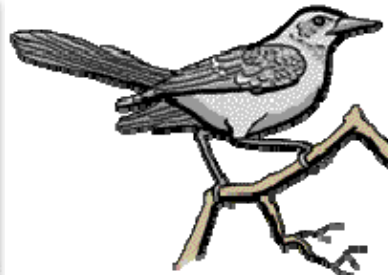
2. Look at the trees. Are the leaves still green? Are they turning colors? Take a leaf to put in your journal. Draw a picture of it or do a rubbing.

What is a rubbing?

A rubbing is when you place an object, like a leaf under a piece of paper. Then you take a crayon and color across the paper. An outline of the leaf will appear on the paper. Place the rubbing in your field journal.



3. Look for animals living in the trees. Do you see any squirrels or birds? What are they doing? Are they preparing for winter? Draw some of the animals you see in your field journal and write down what you see them doing.



4. Send your pictures to us if you would like to share or write us and tell us of your experience. Don't forget to visit our website often for other projects and games.