Daisy Journey Activities for Current Journeys – these quick ideas can help you get the Daisies outside with current Official activities.

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For current Daisy Journeys

Take the girls outside and talk about what is the weather like today.

Hint: Hold part or all of meetings outside when you can. I find it makes art project clean up easier!

This age really loves to play pretend. Give play time to act out what they are learning in the stories. They are certainly very capable of learning - they just absorb it into their brains, express it in play and art as they are still learning to write and read. They love to share with their parents!

Daisy Flower Garden

Take Field trips: to Nurseries, Home Improvement Stores-Garden section, local schools that have a greenhouse (they love to share!) Arts: Decorate Flower pots, make suncatchers for windows, make garden art and plant ID stakes Science: UV beads-talk about UV light even on cloudy days, Let the girls mix up dry polymer beads with water to see how it absorbs and holds in water-then mix with soil.

Take Action Project idea: local community garden-plant marigolds or other plants that are natural bad bug deterrents or raise ladybugs and release them at a local community garden.

Between Earth and Sky

Take Field trips: to Botanical Gardens, to soil/sod facilities, what about wastewater biosolids programs, farms.

Arts: make pictures of rainbows and the sky and land, do "stained glass pictures" (draw picture on translucent paper, color in and hang in window), do scrapbook or passport of places you have or would like to visit as a troop.

Science: Play with magnets, make colored sand/salt pictures, talk about water-faucet vs bottled and reduce reuse recycle.

Take Action Project idea: make a poster/flyer about a native species - plant some, then share your posters/flyers with others to teach them about what you have learned. Make a simple bird feeder (there are simple 1 time use ones and refillable ones) - and find an adult to volunteer to keep it up.

Teach girls to use a compass to find North, South, East, and West. (Keep it simple...) Maybe make a simple direction map, and if they follow it at each step there is a cache surprise.*If they like this then when they get older they may want to get into geocaching. Talk about different forms of transportation.

3 Cheers for Animals

Take Field Trips: to local Pet Store (Field Trip Factory does a great job with this in many areas and is usually free), to local animal shelter: what about a therapist that uses animals?

Arts: Make animal masks, make an animal touch and feel book, make something with feathers.

Science: Talk about how animals and people both need healthy food - look at differences of healthy vs unhealthy foods of both. It is the energy that keeps us and animals going.

Take Action Project: provide a doggy clean up bags station in community, collect items for the local animal shelter and get others to help you "take care of animals".

Question: Does your local food pantry also have a separate food pantry for pets?