

Signs of Spring

walking field trip



Kruckeberg
Botanic Garden

Spring is in the air! You may have noticed some of the signs of spring around your neighborhood: sunshine, new plants, and singing birds.

In this self-guided activity for students and their parent/guardian, we will explore springtime in the Pacific Northwest. We will take a walk through your own backyard, neighborhood, or local park to look at some of the ways spring is making changes right here in Seattle.

what you'll need:

- Student worksheet (page 2) and/or a journal to take notes
- pen/pencil/coloring materials
- A map of your route (optional)
- Binoculars (optional)
- A water bottle and/or snacks
- Don't forget to dress for the weather!

Try starting your observations with these phrases:

I notice....

I wonder...

It reminds me of...

Put your best foot forward...

1. Set yourself up for success- plan out your route ahead of time and pack all the materials you need (including snacks!)
2. Discuss logistics such as safety & expectations with your students

...and take a hike!

3. On your walk, make observations about what you see around you.
4. Record your observations using the worksheet provided or take your own notes and drawings
5. Take advantage of the spontaneous opportunities all around you!!

Next Generation Science Standards:

These activities support learning expectations for kindergarten and first grade, as outlined by the Next Generation Science Standards.

- K-L1-1
- K-ESS2-1
- K-ESS3-1
- 1-LS1-1
- 1-ESS1-2

Can you find the Signs of Spring?

Describe or draw the weather today....

Stop and listen...

...Describe what sounds you can hear

Find and draw one animal that you see on your walk...

Collect three leaves...

...and draw their shapes here

Find and draw a flower growing in the ground

Find and draw one insect...

