

Seattle Progressive Preschool Green Mission Curriculum Themes

Please add any contributions you can make under Notes and Resources. This document is a work in progress and the themes will likely evolve through the year.

Month	Main Topic	Foraging	Native birds / Animals / insects / Plants / Trees	Hikes	Seasonal Foods	Notes and Resources
September	Hiking (subtheme - transportation)	Chantrelles Oregon Grape				<p>Start in fall with ten essentials so they can hike throughout the year.</p> <p>Reducing use of cars. Finding hiking groups. Forming them. Foraging while hiking</p> <p>WTA Mountaineers</p> <p>http://www.eattheweeds.com/ http://www.herbfairies.com/ - Stories and cookbook series for purchase.</p>
October	Reduce/Reuse				Apples Pumpkins	Repurposing common household items = art projects,
November	Recycling / garbage / waste management					What happens when we send things to be recycled? What can be recycled? Are there better options than recycling? Where does our garbage go? What is our garbage made of? Pictures of dumps, trash in ocean etc
December	Make it / fix it					<p>Fixing things- glue, sewing, nails/hammer, remaking</p> <p>Making gifts that don't leave trash</p> <p>Bringing toys and books in to trade</p> <p>Look at the items in our homes.</p> <p>Can we fix and reuse something, or</p>

						make something that was going into the trash or recycling into art, or even something usable?
January	Water / rain / drinking water					What are our different sources for water? What are different types of bodies of water? What do we get from water environments? How can we protect the water around our home?
February	Gardening / compost Where does our food come from? Other countries -					Begin planning garden area, native plants, compost – visuals of compost process and uses – books, video,
March	Insects	Morels				Learn about native bugs, how they help us. Which ones to avoid. Bees and how to plan a bee garden. Maybe visit a beekeeper.
April	Birdwatching / bird calls / Animals	Maple Flowers				Resources: Audubon Society
May	Camping	School garden				Go over camping essentials. See if we can get all families equipped and do a small camping trip as a class.
June	Biking	Salmon berries				Go over biking safety. See if we can get all families equipped and go on some trail rides together.
July	NO SCHOOL	Wild strawberries Thimble berries				
August	NO SCHOOL	Salal Berries Blackberries Oregon Grape Watermelon berries				