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Nature Notes

Four outdoor prompts to inspire your child to put pencil to paper

MAGICAL CREATURE HOUSE Build a tiny home together out of sticks, leaves, grass, and small stones. Ask her to write a letter that welcomes an imaginary magical creature (fairy, sprite, or gnome) to the new abode.

TEENY TINY THINGS NOTEBOOK Create a big circle in the grass or garden with a long piece of string. She can illustrate her observations of the bugs, plants, and more inside the string's area.

PEN A POEM Make a list of 10 things you both see in your backyard. Then add an interesting action word to each: Ants *scurry*. Grass *dances*. Trees *wave*. You've written a nature poem!

ALPHABET BOOK Using a blank notebook, write one letter on each page. Help her identify objects whose names begin with each letter (C is for clover; S is for stick, etc.). She can illustrate the objects, and write a sentence using the words. —*Melissa Taylor*



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