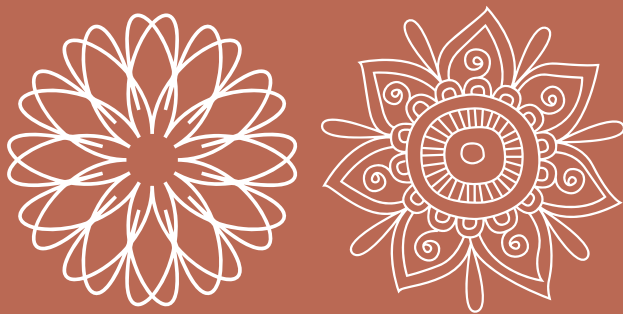


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## Natural Art

Explore your creative side by getting artsy with nature! We will be painting... but not with the usual painting materials. Everything from our paint to our brushes will come from the Nature Playscape. Berries, flowers, rocks, soil, and leaves can all be used as paint while twigs, leaves, and seeds can be constructed into a brush. Let's see what we can create!



## Mandala Wood Cookies

We will be using big wood cookies as plates to make mandala art with natural objects. If wood cookies are not available, then use the "classrooms" in the Playscape as your canvas. Children may go into Playscape or Wesselman Park if to find additional objects to use.

## Nature Potions, Fairy Houses & Mud Pies

Kids love to use their imagination! This pop-up is all about using those imagination skills to build a better connection to the natural world.

**Fairy Houses:** Building fairy housing around the Playscape with natural materials.

**Mud pies & potions:** Let's make mud pies! Explore your surroundings and find the ingredients we want in the nature surrounding you. (We won't be eating our creations! Instead, we will return it to the Earth for all the critters to eat.)

## Arthropod Adventures & DIY Insects

- Distinguishing between insects, arachnids, and crustaceans.
- Looking at the collection that we already have.
- Catch & release of wild insects in the hill or Playscape.
- Identifying our catches.



**DIY Insect:** Make a bug out of Play-Doh to boost creativity skills



## Royalty in the Playscape

Royalty in this natural kingdom! Using natural items found in the Playscape, we will be constructing our own crowns, scepters, and crests.



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## Senses "hike"

We will be exploring our five senses by hiking through the Playscape!

With parent/guardian approval you can use your "taste" sense by trying honey-suckle, mint, or sassafras.



## Watercolor Painting & Twig Weaving

**Watercolor Painting:** Using non-toxic watercolors we'll make nature inspired art on paper and cardboard. In the Nature Playscape? Try painting with berries, spinach, cabbage, etc.

**Twig Weaving:** In this activity, we will weave yarn around twigs, making unique designs.

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## Leaf & Wood Cookie Art

Create leaf rubbings or turn the leaves into custom projects. Decorate wood cookies using paints, markers, pencils, and more.



## Macroinvertebrates

Look at macroinvertebrates up closely and trying to identify them! Look at the basic insect structure and research the life cycle.

