Nature Rubbings and Collages

Materials

- Paper of any color or shape
- Crayons or oil pastels
- Additional drawing materials, like markers or colored pencils
- Tape or glue
- Items from nature, such as leaves, sticks, or flowers

Instructions

- Collect items from nature from your yard or neighborhood. Look for ones with different colors, shapes, and textures. Remember to collect objects that are already on the ground and only pick something if it is from your own yard.
- To do a rubbing, take one of your natural items that is flat, and place it under your piece of paper. Take a crayon or oil pastel, with the wrapper removed, and place it lengthwise over the object you will be rubbing. Move your crayon back and forth over the paper, using some pressure, until details appear on the page.
- Repeat the process using different colors and items.
- To collage, take objects from your nature finds and arrange them on the page. Attach them to your paper using tape or glue.
- Create your art using a combination of these techniques!

Additional Book Suggestions:

*The Earth and I* by Frank Asch

*The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown