

Pollinator Hunt

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade

DESCRIPTION and OBJECTIVE:

Spring is finally here! Beautiful flowers are blooming everywhere, which means fruit is not far behind! Use this activity to explore the world of pollinators and learn how they play a large role in getting fruit to our kitchens and seeds to our gardens.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ⇒ Pencil
- ⇒ Paper
- ⇒ Clipboard

LESSON / ACTIVITY:

- ⇒ Before heading outside, watch this video with your student which explains the process of pollination and why it is important.
 - Ask your student, "What is pollination? Why is it important? How does pollination benefit us?"
 - Remind students that pollination is how plants reproduce, which is how we get fruit to eat and seeds to plant.
- ⇒ Grab a sheet of paper, pencil, and a clipboard (or something similar) and head outside. Once outside, ask your student to name as many pollinators as they can (e.g. bumblebees, honeybees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, etc.)!
 - Ask your student, "Where is the best place to find these pollinators?"
- ⇒ Walk around your yard or neighborhood to look for as many pollinators as you can find.
 - Use the paper to keep a tally of how many you find of each.
 - Additionally, keep track of the types of flowers you see pollinators visit (i.e. How big are they? What color are they?)
- ⇒ CHALLENGE: Try finding a pollinator that is covered in pollen!
- ⇒ When you return home, draw a sketch of your favorite pollinator visiting a flower!



o Watch this video to see pollinators of all kinds in action.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ⇒ Check out the links below to learn more about topics related to this activity!
 - o Parts of a Flower and Pollination

