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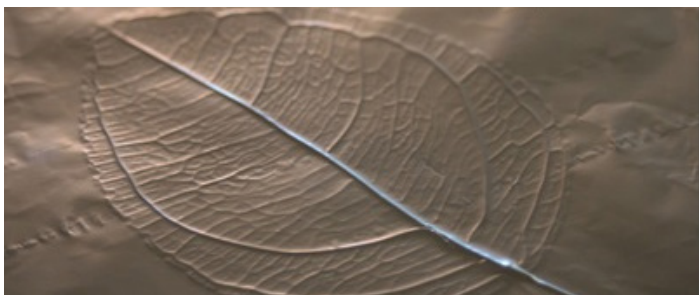
GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:
Nature Etching

OVERVIEW:

In this activity, youth etch natural surfaces (leaves, rocks, twigs, pine cones, etc.) on paper and foil. Each participant took home their etchings & rubbings.

MATERIALS:

- Rubbing Booklet
- Pencils, Crayons, or Pencil Crayons
- Natural Surfaces (Leaves, twigs, rocks, pine cones...)
- Foil
- Tape



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Ages: 4 - 10

Time: 20 - 30 minutes

PROCEDURE

Paper Rubbings

Step 1. Show children a sample poster of pencil rubbings, and provide brief instruction on how to achieve clear rubbings using pencil (crayon or pencil crayon also work well), paper, and a textured surface.

Step 2. Give each child paper and pencil. 3. Take children on a small hike around the area. Be sure to point out local species of plants and animals along the way (bring along a field guide to help with identifications; invite older students to make identifications themselves).

Step 4. Have children record the many interesting patterns and textures they find in nature through pencil rubbings.

Step 5. Children can use multiple textures and colors on one piece of paper to add to the creativity of their work.

Foil Rubbings

Step 1: Once all children are through with their hike and pencil rubbings, encourage them to try foil rubbings.

Step 2: Have children find a textured object.

Step 3: Tape foil over object.

Step 4. Show children how to gently rub textures into the foil using a pencil or stick. Try to capture all of the unique textures found on the leaf, rock, etc.