

## Fun Things To Do Outside!

- Get a spoon and dig a tiny hole. How many things are in the hole. What are they?
- Find a shovel and get permission and dig a big hole. Feel the dirt. Look for living things in the hole—both plants and animals. Look for nonliving things—rocks and soil.
- Find some water outdoors. Feel it. How cold does it feel? Is anything living in it? What does it smell like? Why is it not sinking into the ground? Is it moving or sitting still?
- Run around your house or apartment as fast as you can 5 times. Now walk around it as slowly as you can 1 time. Which did you like better?
- Set up an obstacle course outside. You can have things to jump over, things to swing on, and things to run around. Time yourself and others to see who can get through it quickest.
- Texture is how things feel. Find 5 different textures of tree bark.
- Get a bucket of water. Pour some out it in different places around your house or apartment. Watch where the water goes. Why do you think it goes where it does?
- Collect acorns. Plant some. How many different kinds of acorns can you find?
- Grab a pile of leaves. Sort them by shape. Use where you found them to figure out what trees they came off of.
- Rake leaves into a big pile. Jump in it!
- Look for worms. How many can you find? What will you do with them? Go fishing? Let birds eat them? Return them to the soil?
- Search for any remaining snow. Is it clean or dirty? Soft or icy? Why?
- Check snow for snow fleas! These are tiny insects that look like a speck of dirt. You can sometimes see them on snow on a sunny day. Stare closely at any specks you find. If you see it jump, you know it's a snow flea! Don't worry, these do not bite. They eat algae, a tiny plant.
- Build a fort of sticks and branches.
- Build a home for fairies out of sticks and branches. Use things you find outside for tiny furniture and other things a fairy would use.