



Activities for your new magnifying box!

Nature Walk – Scrapbook- Christmas gift

If you're tired of being inside, go on a nature walk. You'll need to get yourself a magnifying box. These are cheap, valuable, and kids LOVE them!!! We have them available from our site and they're only about 2 dollars.

On your walk, find things to put in the box. It doesn't have to be bugs. Flowers, seeds, dirt, rocks, grass, anything works. Your child can make a sketch or drawing of what they see with it magnified. Look that item up on the internet and see if you can find it labeled or any information about how it is described. Have your child label the drawing using the correct scientific terminology.

With each nature walk your child can add more drawings. Have them bind the drawings into a scrapbook. Add photos of your child looking at the items in the wild, drawing their pictures and just being a kid. This will make a wonderful reference as well as a great keepsake or Christmas gift to a relative.

Penny Pox

Take a penny and place it in a bowl or glass of acetic acid (vinegar) and let it sit for a few days. What happened to it? The acid eats out the impure metals or weaker metals and leaves behind the spaces they occupied. Look at your penny in your bug box. Pretty cool, huh? If you place an iron nail in the vinegar, the copper that was removed from the penny will attach itself to the nail and you'll have a copper plated nail. Also cool!

What can you find?

Take a bowl or basket outside. Collect small items that will fit in your magnifying box. Have a seat and enjoy your finds up close! Some suggestions are:

Blade of grass	acorn	pebble	ant
Lady bug	pollen	water	dirt
Sand	clover	dandelion seeds	flower petal