

Hiding in the Grass!

Students will learn about the role insects play in a garden. They will read [In the Tall, Tall Grass](#) by Denise Fleming and answer questions about the text. Then, they will create a textural collage using paper, crayons, and stickers.

TN EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

PK.RL.KID.1 PK.ESS3.01

PK.RL.KID.2 PK.CA.1

PK.RI.KID.3 PK.CA.2

PK.LS1.01 PK.CA.3

MATERIALS

- Construction paper in blue and green
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Insect Stickers

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Students will cut along a printed template to create “grass” using green construction paper.
2. Once students have cut all the printed lines, they will fold their green paper in half.
3. Then, students will glue their green paper to the bottom of a piece of blue paper.
4. Students can add details to the top of their blue paper using crayons.
5. Finally, students will add a variety of insect stickers underneath their cut grass.

GRADE LEVEL

Pre-K



VISUAL ART



HORTICULTURE



LITERACY

In the Classroom:



At home



DISCUSSION

Background Information: Insects play a vital role in keeping a garden healthy. Butterflies, bees, beetles, and birds all move pollen between plants and flowers which helps them produce new seeds. Worms move minerals and nutrients throughout the soil keeping it fertile. Ladybugs and praying mantises keep pest insects away by feeding on them. A variety of insects can be found throughout the gardens at the Dixon and students will learn the role they play in the ecosystem!

Guiding Questions:

What types of bugs have you observed in real life?

What kinds of insects live in the gardens at the Dixon?

Are all insects helpful to a garden?

How do you think some insects could harm the flowers and plants in a garden?

LEARNING AT HOME (For virtual students)

- Paper
- Drawing materials

Students will learn about the role insects play within a garden and read *In the Tall, Tall Grass* by Denise Fleming. They will then color and fold a piece of paper to create a sky and ground with hidden insect drawings underneath!

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EXAMPLES:

In the Classroom:



At Home:



Virtual Learning Activity Sheet

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