Learning to Look
Family Page

Question: What do you see in your backyard?

What’s Happening in Class?

We have been learning how to observe objects in nature. We have looked closely at a sunflower, a patch of grass, and a tree. We have learned how to use our senses in a respectful way. We have used describing words to tell about our discoveries. We have drawn pictures, and we have viewed photographs.

What Can We Do at Home?

1) Go outside together and pick something natural to observe.
   - What do you see?
   - What does it feel like?
   - What does it smell like?
   - Does it make a sound?

2) Discuss the needs of living and nonliving things.
   - Animals need SWAFS (shelter, water, air, food, space)
   - Plants need LAWNS (light, air, water, nutrients, space)
   - Nonliving things don’t have needs

3) Draw pictures and/or take photographs of your observations. Discuss respect for nature and living things.

4) Talk about words that describe your observations.