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Books and websites ranging from preschool level through adult

Albert, Burton. Where does the trail lead? New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, [1991].
Note: With the smell of the sea always in his nostrils, a boy follows an island path through flowers and pine needles, over the dunes, to a reunion with his family at the edge of the sea.

Allen, Judy and Humphries, Tudor. Are you a snail? New York: Kingfisher, [2000].
Note: Introduces the life cycle of a snail, showing how it changes from an egg to an adult snail.
Are you a ladybug?
Are you a butterfly?

Arnosky, Jim. The brook book: exploring the smallest streams. New York: Dutton Children's Books, [2008].
Note: Describes the many different types of plants, fish, and animals that live, in or near, even the smallest streams.
Rabbits and raindrops. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, [1997].
Note: Mother rabbit's five babies hop out of the nest to nibble clover and run for shelter when it starts to rain.
Sketching outdoors in Spring. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, [1987].
Note: Provides drawings of landscapes, plants, animals, and other aspects of nature, accompanied by comments from the artist on how and why he drew them.

Aston, Dianna Hutts and Long, Sylvia. An egg is quiet. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books, [2006].
Note: Describes many different kinds of eggs and how they support the lives growing inside of them.
A seed is sleepy. San Francisco, Calif: Chronicle Books, [2007].
Note: An introduction to seeds; explaining their varying shapes and sizes, where they are found, and their life cycles.

Atkins, Jeannine and Pinto, Venantius. Aani and the tree huggers. New York: Lee & Low Books, [1995].
Note: Based on true events in India in the 1970s, young Aani and the other women in her village defend their forest from developers by wrapping their arms around the trees, making it impossible to cut them down.

Base, Graeme. Uno's garden. New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, [2006].
Note: Uno builds a home and garden in the magnificent forest among the playful puddlebuts and feathered frinklepods, but as the place becomes more and more popular, it is overtaken by tourists and buildings until the forest and animals seem to disappear altogether.
The water hole. New York: Harry N. Abrams, 2001.
As ever-growing numbers of animals visit a watering hole, introducing the numbers from one to ten, the water dwindles.

Baylor, Byrd and Parnall, Peter. Everybody needs a rock. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1985, c1974.
Note: Describes the qualities to consider in selecting the perfect rock for play and pleasure.
The desert is theirs. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, [1975].
Note: Simple text and illustrations describe the characteristics of the desert and its plant, animal, and human life.

The table where rich people sit. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, [1998].
Note: A girl discovers that her impoverished family is rich in things that matter in life, especially being outdoors and experiencing nature.
The other way to listen. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, [1997, 1978].
Note: After hoping and trying, the narrator is finally able to hear the hills singing.

Benson, Laura Lee and Carrozza, John. This is our Earth. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Publishing, [1994].
Note: Fairly simple text tells of the need for conservation, text boxes give amplification to each idea, includes the words and music to a song about the earth.

Bliss, Corinne Demas and Lewin, Ted. Matthew's meadow. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, [1992].
Note: Every year at blackberry time Matthew visits the red-tailed hawk in the black walnut tree in the meadow, and she teaches him how to use his senses to fully appreciate the natural world.

Bloom, Valerie and Axtell, David. Fruits : a Caribbean counting poem.
New York: H. Holt, [1997].
Note: This poem counts up to ten different kinds of Caribbean fruit, including guavas, jackfruit, and Otaheiti apples.

Blos, Joan W. A seed, a flower, a minute, an hour. New York: Half Moon Books, [1992].
Note: A seed changes into a flower, a bee into a swarm, a thought into a poem, and other changes.

Boring, Mel and Garrow, Linda. Fun with nature. Minnetonka, MN: NorthWord Press, [1999].
Note: Provides detailed descriptions and illustrations of more than 150 different animals and plants.

Brown, Peter. The curious garden. New York: Little, Brown and Co. Books for Young Readers, [2009].
Note: Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.

Bunting, Eve and Hewitt, Kathryn. Flower garden. San Diego, CA: Harcourt, Inc, [1994].
Note: Helped by her father, a young girl prepares a flower garden as a birthday surprise for her mother.

Bunting, Eve and Hewitt, Kathryn. Sunflower house. Harcourt, Orlando, Fla: 1996.
Note: A young boy creates a summer playhouse by planting sunflowers and saves the seeds to make another house the next year.

Burke-Weiner, Kimberly and Spillman, Fredrika. The maybe garden. Hillsboro, OR: Beyond Words Pub, [1992].
Note: A child uses Mother's ordinary suggestions for a garden as a springboard for imagining all sorts of unique and creative garden ideas.

Casey, Dawn and Wilson, Anne. The Barefoot book of Earth tales. Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, [2009].
Note: Seven folktales from around the world express the belief that the Earth and all living things are sacred, and that it us up to each of us to care for our part of the planet. Includes an introduction and "eco-activity" for each tale.

Cherry, Lynne. The sea, the storm, and the mangrove tangle. New York: Farrar, Straus Giroux, [2004].
Note: A seed from a mangrove tree floats on the sea until it comes to rest on the shore of a faraway lagoon where, over time, it becomes a mangrove island that shelters many birds and animals, even during a hurricane.

A river ran wild: an environmental history. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, [1992].
Note: An environmental history of the Nashua River, from its discovery by Indians through the polluting years of the Industrial Revolution to the ambitious clean-up that revitalized it.

Christopher, Todd. The green hour: a daily dose of nature for happier, healthier, smarter kids. Boston: Trumpeter Books, [2010].
Note: Contains suggested activities, fun facts, science lessons, and practical advice designed to motivate children to learn about and explore nature.

Cohen, Rebecca P. 15 minutes outside : 365 ways to get out of the house and connect with your kids. Naperville, Ill. : Sourcebooks, [2011].
Note: Provides 365 suggestions for connecting and exploring the outdoors with children in fifteen minutes.

Cole, Henry. I took a walk. New York: Greenwillow, [1998].
Note: A visit to the woods, pasture, and pond brings encounters with various birds, insects, and other creatures of nature. Flaps fold out to reveal the animals on each two page spread.

Jack's garden. 1st ed. New York: Greenwillow Books, [1995].
Note: Cumulative text and illustrations depict what happens in Jack's garden after he plants his seeds.

On Meadowview Street. Greenwillow Books, [2007].
Note: Upon moving to a new house, young Caroline and her parents encourage wildflowers to grow and birds and animals to stay in their yard, which soon has the whole suburban street living up to its name.

Cornell, Joseph Bharat. Sharing nature with children : the classic parents' & teachers' nature awareness guidebook. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, [1998].
Note: Presents a collection of outdoor activities for children that helps facilitate nature education, increasing their awareness and appreciation, including games and walks, providing information on plant and animal in urban and suburban environments.

Crenson, Victoria and Cannon, Annie. Horseshoe crabs and shorebirds : the story of a food web. New York: Marshall Cavendish, [2003].
Note: Presents a portrait of the Delaware Bay in the spring when a wide variety of animals, including minnows, mice, turtles, raccoons, and especially migrating shorebirds, come to feed on the billions of eggs laid by horseshoe crabs.

Cronin, Doreen. Diary of a fly. New York: Joanna Cotler Books, [2007].
Note: A young fly discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being an insect, including the dangers of flyswatters and that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

Diary of a spider**.** New York: Joanna Cotler Books, [2005].
Note: A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

Diary of a worm. New York: Joanna Cotler Books, [2003].
Note: A young worm discovers day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Curtis, Jennifer Keats and Schongut, Emanuel. Turtles in my sandbox. SylvanDell, [2006].
Note: Maggie finds diamondback terrapin turtle eggs in her sandbox and raises them until they are old enough to be released back into the wild.

Deedy, Carmen Agra and Seely, Laura L. Agatha's feather bed: not just another wild goose story. Atlanta. GA: Peachtree, [1991].
Note: When Agatha buys a new feather bed and six angry naked geese show up to get their feathers back, the incident reminds her to think about where things come from.

Dunphy, Madeline and McLoughlin, Wayne. Here is the wetland. New York: Hyperion Books, [1996].
Note: Uses a cumulative approach to describe the wetland ecology of a freshwater marsh, the most common type of wetland in North America.

Ehlert, Lois. Leaf Man. Harcourt Inc, [2005].
Note: Pages die-cut into the shape of leaves. A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.
Nuts to you! San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, [1993].
Note: A rascally squirrel has an indoor adventure in a city apartment.
Red leaf, yellow leaf. 1st ed. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, [1991].
Note: A child describes the growth of a maple tree from seed to sapling.
Waiting for wings. San Diego, CA: Harcourt, Inc., [2001].
Note: Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies.

Fishbaugh, Angela Schmidt. Celebrate nature! : activities for every season. St. Paul, MN : Redleaf Press, [2011].
Note: Includes bibliographical references. *NB: We have not used this, but it may be useful.*

Fleischman, Paul and Hawkes, Kevin. Weslandia. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, [1999].
Note: Wesley's garden produces a crop of huge, strange plants which provide him with clothing, shelter, food, and drink, thus helping him create his own civilization and changing his life.

Fleming, Denise. In the small, small pond. New York. H. Holt, [1993].
Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.

Ford, Miela. Sunflower. New York: Greenwillow Books, [1995].
Note: A young girl plants a sunflower seed, waters it, and watches it grow.

Fredericks, Anthony D and DiRubbio, Jennifer. Near one cattail : turtles, logs and leaping frogs. Nevada City, CA: Dawn Publications, [2005].
Note: Presents an introduction to wetland environments, in simple text with illustrations, describing the various plants and animals that live there, including frogs, turtles, dragonflies, ducks, snakes, and beetles, among others.

Galko, Francine. Earth friends at school. Chicago: Heinemann Library, [2004].
Note: Explains what natural resources are, and offers suggestions to young readers on how they can use natural resources wisely at school, including turning off lights, recycling, sharing books and other materials, throwing away litter, using less paper, and other conservation efforts.

Garber, Steven D. The urban naturalist. New York: Wiley, [1987].
Note: Examines city and suburban ecosystems, describing the different types of flora and fauna found in American cities and suburbs.

Giogas, Valarie. In my backyard. Sylvan Dell, l2007]
Note: Full-color illustrations and rhyming text present a counting book that introduces backyard animals by baby and family group names. The "For Creative Minds" Section includes: Animal Counting and Fun Fact Cards, Animals All Around You, Caring For Wildlife Around You, and What to Do If You Find An Injured Animal.

Glaser, Linda and Kleven, Elisa. Our big home : an earth poem. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, [2000].
Note: Describes the water, air, soil, sky, sun, and more shared by all living creatures on Earth.

Gibbons, Gail. The seasons of Arnold's apple tree. Orlando, Florida: Harcourt Brace and Company, [1984].
Note: As the seasons pass, Arnold enjoys a variety of activities as a result of his apple tree. Includes a recipe for apple pie and a description of how an apple cider press works.

Guillain, Charlotte. Caring for nature. Heinemann Library, [2008].
Note: Simple text and photographs define environment and offer suggestions on how children can help protect nature.

Heller, Ruth. How to hide a butterfly and other insects. New York: Gosset and Dunlap,Inc, [1985,1992].
Note: Rhyming text describes how various insects camouflage themselves to protect against predators.

How to hide a crocodile & other reptiles.
How to hide a meadow frog and other amphibians.
How to hide a polar bear & other mammals.
How to hide an octopus & other sea creatures.
Plants that never ever bloom. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, [1984].
Note: Brief rhyming text and illustrations present a variety of plants that do not flower but propagate by means of spores, seeds, and cones.
The reason for a flower. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, [1983].
Note: Brief text and lavish illustrations explain plant reproduction, the purpose of flowers which is to create seeds, and presents some plants which don't seem to be flowers but are.

Himmelman, John. Mouse in a meadow. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, [2005].
Note: The author provides full-color detailed nature illustrations depicting the various species of mice, insects, snakes, spiders, and beetles that inhabit a typical North American meadow.

Hunter, Anne. Possum's harvest moon. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, [1963].
Note: Possum awakes one autumn evening and decides to invite his animal friends to a party to celebrate the beautiful harvest moon one last time before the long winter.

Jackson, Ellen B and Dillon, Diane. Earth Mother. New York: Walker, [2005].
Note: Portrays a day in the life of Earth Mother who, as she tends plants and animals around the world, meets three of her creations with advice on how to make the world more perfect.

Johansson, Philip. Marshes and swamps : a wetland web of life. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, Inc, [2008].

Note: Explains what biomes are and describes the plants, plant eaters, meat eaters, and decomposers in marsh and swamp food webs.

Johnston, Tony and Ray, Deborah Kogan. The barn owls. Talewinds, [2000].
Note: A celebration of the owls that have lived in an old barn, sleeping, waking, hunting, and hatching their young for at least one hundred years.

Kalman, Bobbie. What are Earth's biomes? St. Catharines, Ont: Crabtree Pub, [2009].
Note: An introduction to biomes that discusses living and nonliving things, forests, grasslands, savannas, deserts, tundra, and marine and freshwater biomes; and includes a glossary.

Karwoski, Gail, Julie the rockhound. SylvanDell, [2007].
Notes: Includes activites and bibliographical references. A young girl finds a rock buried in the dirt behind her new house and is fascinated to learn that it is a quartz crystal.

Keller, Holly. Island baby. New York: Mulberry Paperback, [1992].
Note: Pops, a man who runs a bird hospital on an island, and his young helper Simon nurse an injured baby bird back to health.

Kriesberg, Daniel A. A sense of place : teaching children about the environment with picture books. Teacher Ideas Press, [1999].
Note: Contains ten units for teaching children in kindergarten through sixth grade about the environment, each with an introduction to the topic, an annotated bibliography of relevant picture books, and activities.

Krupinski, Loretta. Into the woods: a woodland scrapbook. New York: HarperCollins, [1997].
Note: A collection of facts and fiction about the woods.

Kurtz, Kevin and Powell, Consie. A day in the salt marsh. SylvanDell, [2007].
Note: Rhyming verse introduces readers to hourly changes in the salt marsh as the tide comes and goes.

Lasky, Kathryn and Knight, Christopher G. Interrupted journey: saving endangered sea turtles. 1st ed. Cambridge, Mass: Candlewick, [2001].
Note: Describes efforts to protect sea turtles, particularly Kemp's ridley turtles, and help them reproduce and replenish their once-dwindling numbers.

Leardi, Jeanette. Making cities green. New York: Bearport Pub, [2010].
Note: Presents a discussion of ways that cities can be more environmentally friendly, from recycling laws to air-quality regulations and use of renewable energy sources, and includes profiles of "green" cities such as Charlotte, North Carolina and Portland, Oregon.

Lin, Grace. The ugly vegetables. Watertown, MA: Talewinds/Charlesbridge, [1999].
Note: A little girl thinks her mother's garden is the ugliest in the neighborhood until she discovers that flowers might look and smell pretty but Chinese vegetable soup smells best of all. Includes a recipe.

Lindbergh, Reeve and Felstead, Cathie. The circle of days. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, [1998].
Note: Rhyming text gives praise and thanks for all of creation including wind and sun, plants and animals, desert, rocks, and sea.

Louv, Richard. Last child in the woods : saving our children from nature-deficit disorder. Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, [2005].
Note: Directly links the lack of nature in the lives of today's children to some disturbing childhood trends, such as rises in obesity, Attention Deficit Disorder, and depression, arguing that children's obsession with the latest technology have led them to under appreciate nature.

Lyon, George Ella and Parker, Tom. ABCedar : an alphabet of trees. New York: Orchard Books, [1989].
Note: An alphabet book introducing the leaves from a variety of trees.

Mannis, Celeste A and Hartung, Susan Kathleen. One leaf rides the wind : counting in a Japanese garden. New York: Viking, [2002].
Note: In this collection of haiku poems, a young girl walks through a Japanese garden and discovers many delights, from one leaf to ten stone lanterns.

Milord, Susan. The kid's nature book : 365 indoor/outdoor activites and experiences. Charlotte Vermont: Williamson Publishing, [1989].
Note: Suggests activities, poems, and stories to explore nature throughout the year.

Monroe, Mary Alice and Bergwerf, Barbara J. Turtle summer : a journal for my daughter. SylvanDell, [2007].
Note: A volunteer who protects endangered sea turtle nests on the Atlantic Coast presents a photographic chronicle of her work one summer, describing sea turtle hatching and the experiences she shared with her young daughter.

Muldrow, Diane and Staake, Bob. We planted a tree. New York: Golden Books, [2010].
Note: Simple text reveals the benefits of planting a single tree, both to those who see it grow and to the world as a whole.

Nadeau, Isaac and Kuhn, Dwight. Food chains in a forest habitat. New York: Rosen Pub. Group's PowerKids Press, [2001].
Note: This book explains food chains in a forest habitat, from plants called producers to insects and earthworms called decomposers.
Food chains in a meadow habitat.
Food chains in a pond habitat.

Nichol, Barbara and Moser, Barry. One small garden. Toronto: Tundra Books, [2001].
Note: Presents twelve stories that tell of the lives of creatures and plants that come and go in a small garden beside a house in a city.

Pallotta, Jerry and Stewart, Edgar. The vegetable alphabet book. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge Pub, [1992].
Note: Describes a variety of terms, from A to Z, relating to vegetable gardening, beginning with asparagus and ending with zucchetta.

Pascoe, Elaine and Kuhn, Dwight. The ecosystem of a milkweed patch. New York: PowerKids Press, [2003].
Note: Describes the interdependence of some of the plants and animals that can be found in a milkweed patch.

Peet, Bill. The Wump world. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, [1970].
Note: The peaceful, green planet of the Wumps is invaded by the Pollutians, and the planet will never be quite the same again.

Reynolds, Peter. Rose's garden. Somerville, Mass: Candlewick Press, [2009].
Note: Rose finds a neglected patch of earth in the middle of a bustling city where she can plant the flower seeds collected from her travels in her magical teapot.

Rockwell, Anne F and Rockwell, Lizzy. Who lives in an alligator hole? New York: Collins, [2006].
Note: Describes the habitats of these reptiles which scientists call a "keystone species" because they change the environment for their own use in a way that helps many other plants and animals.

Sams, II, Carl R and Stoick, Jean. Lost in the woods : a photographic fantasy. Carl R. Sams II Photography, p2004.
Note: Presents a photographic story in which a fawn discovered sleeping alone in the tall grass at the edge of the forest, raises concerns in the animal community.
Stranger in the woods : a photographic fantasy. Milford, MI: Carl R. Sams II Photography, [2000].
Note: The resident birds and animals react to a snowman appearing in their woods after a snowstorm.

Santore, Charles. William the curious : knight of the water lilies. New York: Random House, [1997].
Note: A lowly frog teaches a beautiful queen about the dangers of pollution.

Sayre, April Pulley and Endle, Kate. Trout are made of trees. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, [2008].
Note: Looks at trout as part of a vast food chain that begins when leaves fall into streams and rivers.
Dig, wait, listen: a desert toad's tale. Greenwillow Books, p2001, c2001.
Note: A spadefoot toad waits under the sand for the rain, hears the sounds of other desert animals, and eventually mates and spawns other toads

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. First the egg. Roaring Brook Press, [2007].
Note: Die-cut pages show the transformations of various animals and objects, such as a seed to a flower, paint to a picture, and a caterpillar to a butterfly.

Seuss, Dr. The Lorax. New York: Random House, [1971].
Note: The Once-ler describes the results of the local pollution problem.

Sherwood, Elizabeth A. Science adventures : nature activities for young children. Beltsville, Md. : Gryphon House, [2008].
Note: Contains over 125 outdoor science activities for preschoolers, grouped in the categories of science as inquiry, physical science, life science, Earth and space science, and science and technology *NB: I have not used this, but it may be useful.*

Sidman, Joyce and Prange, Beckie. Song of the water boatman & other pond poems. New York: Houghton Mifflin, [2005].
Note: A collection of poems that provide a look at some of the animals, insects, and plants that are found in ponds, with accompanying information about each.
Ubiquitous : celebrating nature's survivors : poetry. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, [2010].

Note: Collects poems that examine survival in nature, and includes information about a number of plants and animals.

Silver, Donald M and Wynne, Patricia. One small square : backyard. New York: W.H. Freeman & Co, [1993].
Note: Explains how to observe and explore plants, animals, and their interactions in your own backyard. With index.

Singer, Marilyn. Quiet night. New York : Clarion Books, [2002].
One frog, two owls, three geese are joined by increasingly larger numbers of different animals that keep ten campers from falling asleep in their tent.

Spilsbury, Richard. The great outdoors : saving habitats. Chicago: Heinemann Library, [2005].
Note: Presents a short study on the importance of preserving environmental habitats, and describes how habitats work, why they are threatened, how they can be protected, and more.

Steig, William. Sylvester and the magic pebble. New York: Windmill Books, [1969].
Note: In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Stetson, Emily and Cole-Stone, J. Susan. Kids' easy-to-create wildlife habitats : for small spaces in the city, suburbs & countryside. Nashville, Tenn: Williamson Books, [2004].
Note: Offers suggestions on how kids can create wildlife habitats in small spaces, whether they live in the city, suburbs, or country, and includes related indoor games and activities.

Stewart, Melissa and Bond, Higgins. A place for butterflies. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree, [2006].
Note: Describes how human behavior can affect butterflies, explains how people can take action to ensure their survival, and introduces eleven species.
A place for birds. Atlanta, GA: Peachtree, [2009].
Note: Explores some of the ways in which humans have affected bird populations across the nation and the steps that have been taken to protect them.

Strauss, Rochelle and Woods, Rosemary. One well: the story of water on Earth. Kids Can Press, [2007].
Note: Tells the story of Earth's water, introducing the concept of the planet's water as being contained in one well, and discussing the importance of water to survival of plants, animals, and people, recycling, access to water, pollution, and conservation.

Tallamy, Douglas W. Bringing nature home: how you can sustain wildlife with native plants. Timber Press, p2009, [2007].
Note: Explains the importance of and provides guidance for favoring native plants in one's garden in order to sustain native species of insects, birds, and other animals, and provides lists of native plants of the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Southwest, and Pacific Northwest regions of the U.S.

Tamar, Erica. The garden of happiness. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, [1996].
Note: Marisol and her neighbors turn a vacant New York City lot into a lush community garden.

Toft, Kim Michelle. The world that we want. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, [2005].
Note: Presents a colorful story for children about the Earth's air, rain forests, rivers, beaches, oceans, and more, and describes the dangers that threaten these environments.

Van Noy, Rick. A natural sense of wonder : connecting kids with nature through the seasons. University of Georgia Press, [2008].
Note: The author describes his experiences with his children as he encourages them to appreciate the wonders of nature by accompanying them out of doors and away from television and video games.

Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. Leaves! leaves! leaves! Marshall Cavendish Children, [p2007, 2003].
Note: Join Mama and Buddy Bear's stroll through the seasons as they examine the development of leaves on their favorite trees. A wealth of information is tucked into this engaging story and makes it a great read aloud.

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. Dot & Jabber and the great acorn mystery. San Diego: Harcourt,[2001].
Note: Two mice try to figure out how a little acorn turns into a huge oak tree.

Ward, Jennifer. It's a jungle out there! : 52 nature adventures for city kids. Boston : Trumpeter, [2011].
Note: Presents fifty-two ideas to help city kids connect with nature and discover the wonders of the outside world.
Ward, Jennifer and Spengler, Kenneth. Over in the garden. Rising Moon, [2002].
Note: Over in the garden, mother insects and their children enjoy various activities from morning sun to evening moon.
Ward, Jennifer and Ghahremani, Susie. Let's go outside! : outdoor activities and projects to get you and your kids closer to nature. Boston: Trumpeter, [2009].
Note: Jennifer Ward presents more than fifty ideas for engaging children age's eight to twelve in outdoor play, nature outings, and environmental explorations.

Wechsler, Doug. Frog heaven : ecology of a vernal pool. Honesdale, Pa: Boyds Mills Press, [2006].
Note: Full-color illustrated photographs describe the frogs, salamanders, and other animals that live in a vernal pool.

Willis, Nancy Carol. Raccoon moon. Middletown, DE: Birdsong Books, [2002].
Note: Describes a year in the life of a raccoon family as the mother teaches her cubs to climb trees, find food, and survive predators.

Yezerski, Thomas. Meadowlands: a wetlands survival story. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, [2011].
Note: Introduces readers to the meadowlands, twenty thousand acres of wetlands in New Jersey, discussing the destruction that humans have caused, and the changes that have reversed some of the damage.

Yolen, Jane and John Schoenherr. Owl Moon. New York: Philomel Books, [1987].
Note: On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.
Yolen, Jane and Regan, Laura. Welcome to the river of grass. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, [2001].
Note: Poetic text and color paintings provide a tour through the Everglades, showing a day in the life of the ecosystem's interlocking parts, including fish-catching ospreys, turtle-hunting alligators, and hiding panthers.

Websites

Some are citations for references from the presentation, others are good resources to enhance the material presented today.

http://www.learner.org/jnorth/tulip/index.html Journey North In this international science experiment, students in schoolyards across the northern hemisphere plant tulip bulbs in their Journey North Test Gardens each fall. When the plants emerge and bloom, children announce that spring has arrived in their part of the world.

http://www.cbf.org/page.aspx?pid=687 No Child Left Inside-"the No Child Left Inside® Coalition is composed of environmental, educational, and public health organizations, businesses, civic organizations and other public enterprises, all dedicated to ensuring a comprehensive education for all."

http://www.kidsgardening.com/ The National Gardening Association's mission is to promote home, school, and community gardening as a means to renew and sustain the essential connections between people, plants and the environment.

http://www.naturerocks.org/ Welcome to Nature Rocks, your family fun nature planner. This site will help you find all sorts of nature activities, plus tools to help guide and plan your adventures. You'll also find useful tips and information to help you get into nature without getting over your head. It's fast and easy so you can shut your computer down quickly, open up that door and be on your way in as little as 5 minutes. Nature is closer than you think!

http://richardlouv.com/ After "Last Child in the Woods" was published, a handful of like-minded individuals came together to form the Children & Nature Network. Our mission was simple: to help build a movement to reconnect children and their families to nature—for their physical health, cognitive development and emotional well-being, and for the good of our communities and the planet.

http://www.enature.com/home/ eNature.com is the web's premier destination for information about the wild animals and plants of the United States. Over past years, eNature has consistently been one of the Internet' most-visited sites for nature and wildlife information and has won numerous awards and accolades.

http://www.sunflowernsa.com/all-about/coloring-book/ The National Sunflower Association offers a free downloadable coloring book with fun facts. Educators and parents of K-4th grade children are invited to download the "The Story of the Sunflower," an educational coloring book for kids who want to learn about sunflowers and have fun at the same time.

http://www.vegetablegardener.com/item/6634/grow-a-sunflower-house-for-kids Sunflowers (*Helianthus annuus*) have an inherently happy disposition with charming heads that follow the sun. They're also quite handy for constructing houses, forts, walls and mazes for kids. These flower homes become the perfect place to bring kids and nature together in some of the most imaginative ways.

http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/home-garden-projects/gardening-nature-crafts/garden-crafts/sunflower-digs-710598/2/ It won't take long to cultivate a love of gardening in your kids with this planting project: a shady playhouse of towering sunflowers.

www.ehow.com/how_7549070_grow-sunflower-seed.html A diagram of the sunflower plant.

http://www.spiralmontessorimama.blogspot.com/2008/03/encouraging-spring.html -Montessori education information from a Montessori teacher and Mom.

http://www.first-school.ws/activities/occasions/vangogh.htm
A Celebration of Sunflowers! Let's introduce our children to the art of Vincent Van Gogh in a way that will be memorable, educational and fun!
http://www.dltk-holidays.com/spring/msunflower.html
http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/2010/05/van-gogh-sunflowers-art-lesson/
http://www.artprojectsforkids.org/2007/12/van-gogh-sunflowers.html
Three sites showing examples of sunflower crafts suitable for pre-school-aged children.
http://prudentbaby.com/2011/08/entertaining-food/how-to-make-sunbutter-the-best-sunflower-butter-recipe-2/
Sunbutter looks and tastes much like peanut butter, but instead of peanuts, it's made from sunflower seeds. Sunflower butter is 30% lower in fat than peanut butter, chock full of vitamin E, and bonus: when you make it yourself it is entirely free of preservatives & added sugars, AND it is totally safe to send off to nut-free environments.
http://www.vegetablegardener.com/item/6715/kids-can-make-bird-feeders-out-of-sunflower-heads
http://www.vegetablegardener.com/item/6731/roast-your-own-sunflower-seeds
Two more ideas for using sunflowers.

http://www.freeseeds.us/free_seeds/index.php
To request a grant of vegetable seeds, flower seeds and/or herb seeds:
Write a short letter describing your project
Fill out the application which can be downloaded
Enclose a check for shipping and handling $14.95 /100 packs
Mail your letter, application and check to 2521 University Place NW, Washington, DC 20009

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/wildcolor.pdf
The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is pleased to make this coloring book available. Featured habitats include wetlands, forests, farms, neighborhoods and the shore. The final section highlights some of the conservation projects and management tools used to keep wildlife populations healthy and in balance with our human population.

http://library.fws.gov/Children-literature-exhibit-book-list.html
The NCTC Conservation Library provides easy access to curriculum-related materials, historic conservation texts, electronic resources and state-of-the-art delivery services. The scope of the collection includes topics covered in all NCTC training classes with an emphasis on natural resource conservation, environmental education and conservation leadership.

http://www.bna-naturalists.org/ntable.htm
Here's a link to an article from Britain as mentioned in the presentation.

http://www.learner.org/jnorth/monarch/
http://www.learnaboutbutterflies.com
Two great sites for info on butterflies.

http://www.butterflybushes.com/ this is a good place to purchase Monarch caterpillar eggs on milkweed. It is easier than trying to find your own

http://www.montessoriprintshop.com/ Worm nomenclature cards.
http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eek/critter/invert/worm.htm
http://www.ehow.com/facts_7366466_worm-composting-interactive-lesson-plans.html
http://theediblegardenatrodefshalom.wordpress.com/tag/worm-bin/
http://ed101.bu.edu/StudentDoc/current/ED101sp09/eflukes/index.html
Worm lessons, factsheets and other resources.

http://sueatkins1.wordpress.com/2010/12/17/1045/
"Outdoor play, mud pies and climbing trees." Nice website from England with great ideas for kids and nature.

http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/harvest-moon-2
http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/time/equinox.html
http://thewebsiteofeverything.com/animals/mammals/Didelphimorphia/index.html
http://opossum.craton.net/faqs.htm
Websites for "Possum's Harvest Moon" activities.

http://www.preschoolplaybook.com/2009/01/stale-bread-bird-feeder.html
http://www.osweb.com/kidzkorner/feeder.html
Websites for making bird feeders.

Note: as of March 1, 2012 all the links listed above were active.