# Early Literacy

## Outdoor Wonder

Children learn from the day they are born and learn best through relationships and everyday experiences with their family and community. Early literacy skills will develop naturally through curiosity and play in environments (including the outdoors) where children feel safe and secure.

### BELONGING

**Share culture & language**

Speak about your culture, first language and tell stories as you take a walk on a trail or ride a bike.

### ENGAGEMENT

**Follow natural curiosity & interest**

Look for letters in nature: A is for acorn, B is for branch, C is for caterpillar, and so on.

### EXPRESSION

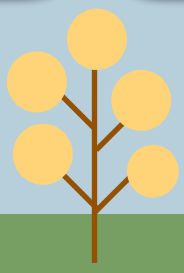
**Provide opportunity to create and explore**

Use natural materials found in nature such as branches, stones and leaves to tell a story or make letter creations. Pretend play in the outdoors.

### WELLBEING

**Nurture healthy development**

Outdoor play will contribute to overall well-being and ability to self-regulate, both of which assist with literacy.



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