

Flowers and Friends



As the song goes, April showers bring May flowers, let's take some time to explore the beauty of flowers and their pollinator friends!

Activity 1

Bee Flurry

Play this relay race to explore how bees and flowers rely on each other.

Materials Needed

- 3 flower stations labeled by a different coloured flower (per group)
- Balls or other item of different colours matching the flower colours representing pollen
- Balls or other item of a different colour to the pollen representing nectar

Prep

Place 3 flower stations in a triangle, 5-10ft apart. Place as many triangles as teams. Place pollen at each flower (you want the pollen to NOT match the flower). You can have it on the ground or use bowls/buckets to hold the balls.

Goal - for all pollen to match their flower. For the bee hive to have all the nectar.

Team starts at "Bee Hive" and travel to the "Meadow"

Step 1: One student runs to a flower to collect 1 pollen and 1 nectar.

Step 2: First student runs back to group drops the nectar at the hive, and gives the pollen to a second student. They must do a 3-5 second bee dance to act like a bees letting others know where to go.

Step 3: Second students runs to a different flower, drops the first pollen at the flower and collects a new pollen from that flower. Runs back to hive.

Step 4: Repeat until either no more nectar or all the pollen is at a different flower. If you run out of nectar early, it means winter came early and not all the flowers were pollinated.

Activity 2

Pollinator suncatchers

Take inspiration from the beauty of nature and create your own suncatcher.

Materials:

Parchment Paper
Paint
Ribbon (or other material to tie)

Step 1: Cut parchment paper in the shapes provided

Step 2: Paint to your liking!

Step 3: Hole punch the top and tie a ribbon to tape on the window.





