

Standards	Activity	Home Extension
<p><b>VIII. Creative Expression Through the Arts A. SENSORY ART EXPERIENCE 1.</b> Uses imagination and creativity to express self with intention using a variety of open-ended, process-oriented and diverse art materials</p>	<p><b>Rock Painting-</b> During small groups each child will be given a smooth rock, choices of paint color and painting tools to paint their rock with.</p>	<p>Join some local rock painting groups on Facebook to look where local spots are to hide and find rocks, kind of like a easter egg hunt but with rocks. Paint some with your child and take to hide.</p> 
<p><b>VI. Scientific Inquiry B. LIFE SCIENCE 1.</b> Demonstrates knowledge related to living things and their environments Benchmark a. Observes and explores a variety of plants and animals and their environments (e.g., rabbits, birds, ladybugs, hermit crabs, eggs, butterflies and bugs in the garden) Benchmark b. Begins to notice the similarities and differences among various living things Benchmark c. Explores basic life cycles (e.g., plants grow from seeds and hatching eggs) Benchmark d. Explores the differences between living and non-living things Benchmark</p>	<p><b>Break open Geodes-</b> In small groups, each child will get to break open their own geodes, using small hammer, then talk about what they see in their geode, and the differences between theirs and their friends, these can be taken home. Talk about geodes life cycle at circle.</p>	<p>Take your child on a virtual fieldtrip to check out some different gem, mineral and crystal mines.</p> 
<p><b>VI. Scientific Inquiry A. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY THROUGH EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY 2.</b> Uses tools in scientific inquiry Benchmark a. Demonstrates the use of simple tools and equipment for observing and investigating (e.g., droppers, blocks, bug catchers)</p>	<p><b>Mine for crystals-</b> In small groups, In a large container, add sand and crystals. Have a washing station nearby. Give each child a sifter to sift through the sand pick their favorite, wash it at the washing station and talk about what they found with them.</p>	<p>Take your child outside and let them dig in the yard to see the different types of rocks they can find</p> 