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Letting Nature Be Our Teacher



*"**Learning** from nature is like having a fun adventure where we **discover** cool things about ourselves and the world! When we explore nature, we **learn** about being kind to others, being strong when things get tough, and how everything in nature **works together** like a big team. It's like a giant playground where we learn to be caring and strong!"*



1 Make it Relevant

- **Connect** to Students' Lives: Choose aspects of nature that students can relate to or have experienced. This makes the lesson more engaging and meaningful.
- **Practical Examples:** Use **real-life examples** that students can observe or imagine easily.
- **Connect** to **school curriculum**

2 Use Simple Metaphors

- **Clear Metaphors:** Use simple, straightforward metaphors that are easy for students to understand.
- **Age-Appropriate Language:** Tailor the complexity of your explanations to the age group you are teaching.

3 Experience/Observe

- Allow students to **explore and observe** nature directly if possible. This could be through a nature walk, school garden, or videos.

4 Reflect/Integrate

- Ask questions that prompt students to **think deeply** about what they have observed/experienced and how it **relates** to their own lives.

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