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Title: Spring Activities

### Collage Activity:

1. Collect flowers, grass, leaves...anything that reminds you of Spring!
2. Talk about the properties of your found objects, especially colors, shape and textures (ex. A flower has a pokey stem, soft round red petals, green leaves...)
3. Talk about seasons.
4. Glue or tape your items to a piece of paper to create a collage!

### Making bird nests:

Materials: Twigs, string, leaves, glue bottles, small containers for the materials for nests (twigs/string/leaves), construction paper, scissors, plastic bowls (to attach materials to make nest if additional support needed), tape, crayons/markers

1. Go outside and listen to the birds singing
2. Talk about birds living in trees and how/why they build nests, compare to other animals or people (ex. Birds sleep in a nest and people sleep in a bed)
3. Collect twigs and leaves (string might be hard to find, so you might want to have that prepared in your home)
4. Make a nest! You can make a nest using your found materials on their own or you can arrange the nest inside a bowl to hold the shape. A good way to encourage your child to make a choice is to hold up or present 2 of the nest making materials on a dark background and ask your child which material for the nest would they like to use to begin to create their nest.

Tips:

-Make sure that you are using hand under hand guidance so that your child has the option to refuse. Hand over hand can be used sparingly to assist your child in understanding how much pressure we need to use to make something work.

-Encourage your child's use of their augmentative/alternative communication device. Take pictures of found objects or out on a walk. Offer choices.

Goals:

- Give visual attention to activity.
- Accept hand under/over hand assistance to expand actions
- Give visual attention and visually track stimuli.
- Press character on keyboard or directly on whiteboard projection.
- Reach to touch to activate screen changes.
- Increase accepted textures and use hands to explore.