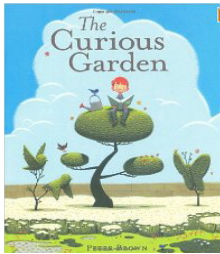




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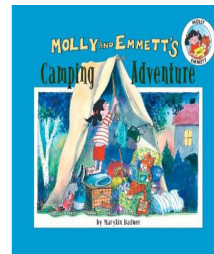
by Peter Brown

The Curious Garden

Find a crack in some pavement, or bare soil in a forgotten corner of your yard. Are there plants trying to grow there that you could help turn into your own "curious garden"? Use **shovel** to move dirt in. Use **measuring tape** to measure garden. Use **magnifier** to look closely at tiny plants. **PICTURE IDEA: Imagination Butterfly Band** in that spot before & then a few weeks after!



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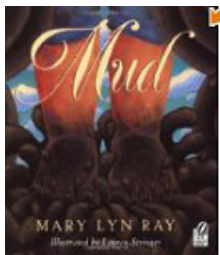
by Marilyn Hafner

Molly and Emmett's Camping Adventure

Use guide for Planning A Campout in back of book to set up & have fun with a backyard campout! Measure tent size with **measuring tape**. Wear **Imagination Butterfly Band** to help your imagination create a wilderness where you are. Make up stories about it, cloud shapes or star constellations. Look at stars & clouds through **binoculars**. Use **flashlight** to do shadow plays on tent walls! Write/draw in **journal** in tent!



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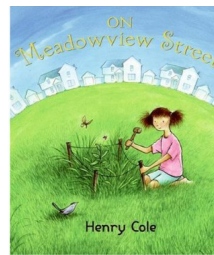
by Mary Lyn Ray

Mud

Squish barefoot in some "happy" mud! Make it "slurp, splat, sop" through toes and fingers! Take **shovel** and dig in it to make new noises! Decorate your face with mud & then do a barefoot mud dance! Use **net** to find things in muddy water. Make mud handprint in **journal**! Measure your handprint with **measuring tape**. **PICTURE IDEA: Imagination Butterfly Band** on your muddy toes!



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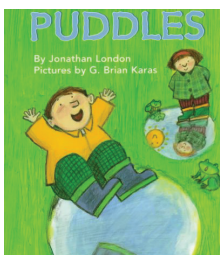
by Henry Cole

On Meadowview Street

Imagine (wear **Imagination Butterfly Band**) your yard as a wildlife preserve like Meadowview Street! If you can imagine it, you can do it! Pick a spot, measure dimensions with **measuring tape**, & protect wildflowers trying to grow by not mowing that spot. Use **shovel** to plant other things. Use **Animal ID Guides**, **magnifier** & **binoculars** to help get to know new animal friends in your yard!



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by Jonathan London

Puddles

Jump in puddles! Measure puddle with **measuring tape**. How much does it shrink each day? Use **net** to sift things out of puddles. Use **shovel** or stick to dig trench to connect two puddles or drain one. Toss in pebbles, nuts, leaves, sticks - which float/sink? Help worms out of puddles on to grass. Watch worms at night with **flashlight**. **PICTURE IDEA: Imagination Butterfly Band** in puddle!



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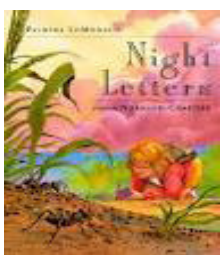
by Bethany Robert

The Wind's Garden

Garden hunt! In yard/neighborhood, look for man made & wind made gardens: tiny gardens in sidewalk cracks or big field gardens! Use **shovel** to plant seeds for your garden. Help the wind plant garden by tossing tree helicopter seeds and blowing dandelion parachutes. Examine seeds with **magnifier**. Use **compass** - which way is wind blowing? Someone blow seeds, you catch with **net** or hands and plant!



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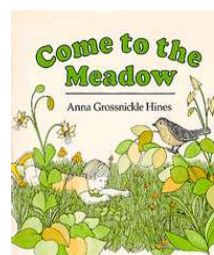
by Palmyra LoMonaco

Night Letters

Explore your backyard before nightfall with **journal**, **magnifier** and **flashlight**. Look for messages that nature has left you! Wear **Imagination Butterfly Band** to help you imagine what your nature friends are saying. **JOURNAL IDEA:** Write the messages. Look for pictures of the animals who left messages in **Animal ID Guides**. Use **Animal Track ID Sheet** to ID them. Use Binoculars to look for messages from moon & stars in the night sky.



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by Anna Grossnickle Hines

Come to the Meadow

Go to a meadow, park or your back yard. Have a family picnic! Can you spot vanilla ice cream clouds (wear **Imagination Butterfly Band**)? Or a spider spinning a web? (Use your **Spider ID Guide** to find its name). Fly a kite or frisbee! Find nature's treasures to put in **treasure box**. Birdwatch with **binoculars**. Lay in the grass, use **magnifier** to see tiny creatures at your picnic! Match colors at your picnic to **color chips** in **rainbow tool bag**.

