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DANDELION/DAISY NECKLACE AND CROWN

DIRECTIONS:

1. Press and dry a few small, simple flowers like violets, a larger bloom such as a gerbera daisy, or the petals of your favorite flower,
2. Use rubber cement to attach them to a length of ribbon.

Looks great as a choker or a string of flowers, and you can even wear it in your hair.

DANDELION

YOU WILL NEED:

1. Yellow and Brown Construction Paper
2. Glue
3. Scissors
4. Paint or Markers

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut two yellow circles (one about an inch smaller than the other.
2. Then, cut a brown circle (about half the size of the largest yellow circle)
3. Glue the circles from the largest to the smallest.
4. Use a scissors to fringe the yellow circles (causing them to look like dandelions)
5. For added fun make stems for the flowers as the same height as your children.

DANDELION CHAIN

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pick dandelions with long, thick stems, one at a time.
2. Attach the dandelions to one another by tying the stem in a knot around the previous dandelion stem close to the flower. Double knots work best.
3. Tie the two ends of the chain together when you have reached the desired length.
4. Or make a short slit halfway down the stem of one dandelion.
5. Insert the stem end of a second dandelion into the slit and push it down through the first dandelion as far as it will go.
6. Make a slit halfway down the second dandelion and insert a third dandelion.
7. Continue until your chain is a little longer than you want it to be. Tie the last stem to the first dandelion near the flower.
8. Make necklaces, crowns and bracelets.
9. Expect the flowers to wilt quickly.

TIPS:

1. Have fun with the dandelions. Lay back in the grass and place a dandelion flower over each eye.
2. Blow dandelion seeds into the air and watch them scatter.
3. Incorporate the dandelion chains into games of make-believe with a child.
4. Dandelion leaves are edible; serve chilled in a salad or warm with a hot bacon dressing. They can be bought in specialty grocery stores. See Recipes.

PRESSING DANDELION FLOWERS

DIRECTIONS:

1. Gather a dandelion flower and leaf. Do not pull up valuable plants.
2. Press the dandelion between newspapers that will absorb the moisture.
3. Change the papers every day until the flower is dry. A plant press or weights (like some heavy books) on the top will help smooth them out.
4. Mount the dandelion on paper or cardboard with transparent tape. Label it with its plant name, habitat, place collected, and date of collection.

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Classroom Project:

1. Each person draws ten dandelions in rectangles that can be cut out.
2. Place the dandelion bunches on desks until you have ten rows of ten bunches each.
3. Beginning at one end of a row, pick up and group the bunches in that row. Count by tens.
4. For each row, repeat the process until you have ten piles of ten dandelions, or one hundred dandelions. Then pile by pile, group the piles of one hundred as you chorally count by hundreds to one thousand!

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PAPER DANDELION

YOU WILL NEED:

1. Yellow, green & brown construction paper
2. Glue or stapler
3. Scissors
4. Markers (optional) for making a face on the flower

DIRECTIONS:

1. To make the flowers, cut a yellow circle 5" and another 4".
2. From brown construction paper, cut a circle 2 1/2 inches.
3. Glue the circles one on top of the other.
4. Fringe the yellow circles.
5. Make stems and leaves from the green construction paper.
6. Glue or staple the flower onto the green construction paper stems.
7. Then add two leaves.
8. Make a face on the flower (optional).