

Children's Fascination With the Natural World Outside the Classroom Create Reasons to Read and Write

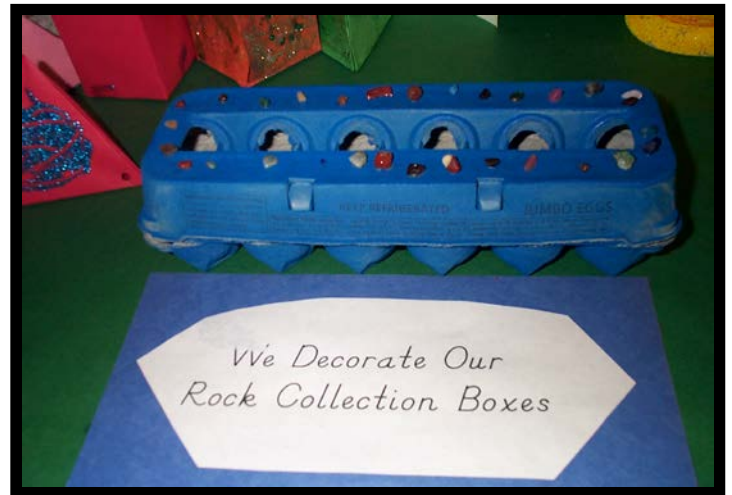


Our study of rocks created compelling reasons for children to want to read and research; draw and write.

Children also draw and write to culminate studies about **trees, stars, birds, animals, and insects.**

We begin by learning about the layers of the earth and constructing a clay model using plastocene (an oil-based clay).

"Maybe I'll be a geologist some day."



Study includes:

- Digging for fossils (Some rocks have all the fossils from thousands of years of layering.)
- Learning about rocks and crystals
- Growing crystals
- Collecting rocks
- Exploring the properties of rocks
- Recording information in

My Rock Collection Book

Complimentary set of writing templates available on the free resources at nellieedge.com.

My Rock Collection Book	
Name: _____	
Sample Number _____	This is what it looks like.
Type of Rock _____	
My Name For It _____	
DESCRIPTION:	
This rock is	shiny dull.
The color is _____	
This rock is	soft hard.
The size is	small medium big.
It feels	sharp rough smooth.