

Learning Provocation: Nature Walk and Trash Collection

Objective: To connect the concept of waste to real-world observations and inspire stewardship.

Materials:

- Small bags for collecting trash
- Gloves
- Garbage tongs (provided by school)

Steps:

1. **Nature Walk:** Take the children on a nature walk around the school or a nearby park. Encourage them to observe the environment and look for any litter or trash.
2. **Trash Collection:** As a group, collect any trash you find, making sure to sort it into categories (recyclables, compostables, and trash).
3. **Discussion:** After the walk, talk about how litter affects animals and plants. Encourage children to share ideas about how we can keep our spaces clean.
4. **Reflection:** Ask children to create a "Trash or Treasure" collage using pictures of natural elements (trees, animals, flowers) alongside pictures of waste, to show how the two worlds are connected.
5. **Zero Waste Action:** Help children create a "Zero Waste" poster with simple actions they can take, like picking up trash, using reusable bottles, and reducing plastic waste.