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|  | **Suggested Weekly Learning Activities** |
| **Subject Area:** | Physical Education\Outdoor Education |
| **Big Idea:** | I can demonstrate an awareness and appreciation of my natural surroundings |
| **Name Of Activity** | Finding Your Way Around Nature in New Brunswick |
| **Materials Needed:** | A Camera if possible, to take a picture of items found. If you do not have a camera, simply cross it off your list once you have found it |
| **Plan/Instructions:** | Reconnect with the Outdoors in this unprecedented time of slowing down, by capturing images of the items listed down below. Take a picture of each found item if possible...happy hunting!!  Choose your level of Challenge! Pick from A-E:  A) Find at least 10 of the first 20 items listed below!  B) Find at least 15 of the first 20 items listed below!  C) Find at least 20/30 items listed below!  D) Find at least 25/30 items listed below!  E) Finish the entire list and become the “Master Scavenger Hunter”, which will require a deeper connect with Nature!  Scavenger Hunt Items 1-30:  1) a Robin...a sure sign that ‘Spring has Sprung’!  2) a Garter Snake  3) a pine cone  4) a stick shaped like the number 7  5) A Woodpecker  6) a bird feather  7) a Fir tree  8) a Jack Pine tree  9) a Black Capped Chickadee (NB’s official bird!)  10) a bird’s nest form last year  11) a live spider  12) a red or grey squirrel  13) a duck (black, mallard or other)  14) a blue jay...noisy creatures!  15) a grey jay (Canada’s official bird!)  16) rabbit droppings  17) Old Man’s Beard (lichen)  18) “Witches’ Broom” (an unusually dense cluster of foliage or needle growth )  19) an Eastern White Cedar tree  20) a Maple tree  21) a Yellow Birch tree  22) a White Birch with peeling bark  23) a Trembling Aspen  24) an Alder Bush  25) an Oak tree  26) a Grey Birch tree  27) an Oak tree leaf naturally still on the tree  28) a Tamarack tree (its needles fall off in winter)  29) a Black Spruce tree  30) deer or moose tracks or droppings |
| **Safety:** | * + Make sure clothing and footwear are appropriate for environmental conditions.   + Make sure to have sunscreen and bug repellent if necessary.   + Tell an adult where you are headed in your pursuit of this challenge and ideally have a member of your family or guardian accompany you! Make sure you are familiar with any areas where you go to look for items.   + Remember to check your equipment, your space, play fair and have fun. |
| **Opportunities for Stretch:** | Extra Challenge Zone:  a) a Juniper tree (tiny needles)  b) a Witches Broom (that still has some live green needles on the broom portion)  c) a tree with some kind of metal embedded in the trunk, i.e. old barbed wire fencing  d) an Ash tree  e) a deer or moose antler dropped off earlier this winter (naturally)  Ultimate Challenge Item:  a) Find a flying squirrel or an owl, seldom seen as they are nocturnal, but very common to New Brunswick. You will likely need to locate either of these after dark! |
| **Reflection:** | What were the most challenging items to find?  Were there any items that you gave up on trying to find? If so, why did you give on trying to find the item?  Which of the 30 items were you unfamiliar with that you can now identify? |
| **Source:** |  |