



Nests and Eggs

Materials:

- Kinetic Sand
- Ping pong balls
- Air dry clay
- Natural items
- Pictures of bird and reptile nests and eggs (alligator, sea turtle, whooping crane, APC, bald eagle)

Preparation:

1. Gather materials listed above.

Instructions:

1. Discuss with the students the variety of nests that can be found from birds and reptiles in Texas. Discuss the reason why reptiles bury their eggs and how the incubation temperatures can affect the sex of the eggs. Share with them where the nests can be found and discuss similarities and differences between the pictures.
2. Have the students pick a Texas species to create a nest for. They will start by building an egg/eggs and then selecting materials to use for the rest of the nest.
3. They will take their supplies and finish building their nest in Explore the Wild!

Take Action:

Zoo:

- The Houston Zoo is plastic bottle and plastic bag free!
- The Houston Zoo holds annual beach clean ups to remove plastic trash and to involve the community in saving animals in the wild.
- The Houston Zoo only uses toilet paper made from recycled content, and you can help animals by doing the same! Did you know that the average household uses 120 rolls of toilet paper each year? 27,000 trees are cut down every single day to provide toilet paper for the world. These trees are important habitat for animals like chimpanzees, wombats, and black bears.

You:

- Bring your reusable bags when shopping.
- Say no thank you to straws and other single-use plastic items.
- Use recycled content paper and limit your paper usage.