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Forest Floor Terrarium Family Page



Question: *How will the forest floor change over a period of three or more months?*

What's Happening in Class?

We have begun a long-term exploration using a forest floor terrarium that will allow for the exploration of decomposition, food webs, the water cycle, the needs of living things, and physical vs. chemical change. Over the next three months, each child will be responsible for conducting a weekly observation at the Forest Floor Terrarium Center and reporting her/his findings to the class. Additional information related to the above concepts will be shared with students in weekly increments.

For more specific information on this lesson, visit the *Science for Ohio* website at www.environmentaleducationohio.org and click on the *Forest Floor Terrarium* inquiry.

What Can We Do at Home?

- 1) Set up your own terrarium investigation at home using the information provided at *Science for Ohio*.
- 2) Read and discuss with your child the weekly Background Information sheets as they are shared in class. Copies of these sheets can be obtained at *Science for Ohio*.
- 3) Investigate books and Internet resources found on the Related Resources page of the *Forest Floor Terrarium* inquiry.