

The Emery Babcock Outdoor Classroom at the Boston School Forest

Binoculars

1. Display binoculars – What are they used for? How should we treat them?
2. Discuss parts of binoculars: eye pieces, magnifying lens, width adjustment, focus wheel, neck strap.
3. Demonstrate moving binoculars to find a bird or other object.
4. Safety Rules: Kids should keep the strap around their necks and stand still when using the binoculars. Don't look through the binoculars while walking around.
5. Hand out binoculars.
6. Tie the ribbons around branches nearby for students to focus on.
7. Head off down the trail to make discoveries.
8. After you are finished, collect all 24 binoculars. Wrap the cord around the middle and store back in the tote. If they are wet, leave the lid off.



Extensions and Reflections:

1. Make a drawing of what you see with both your eyes and again with the “zoomed in” view using the binoculars.
2. Play “eye spy” with binoculars.
3. Place different objects or paper letters around the trails and use the binoculars for a scavenger hunt. *(not included in this kit)*
4. Look at the tops of trees and look for letters in the branches.



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