

Nature Journal Prompt

Topic: Sidewalk Wonders

Time: 10 - 15 minutes

Instructions: Sometimes, plants grow in unexpected places. First, you should head outside with a parent or guardian. Then, start looking for a crack in the sidewalk, driveway or any other concrete area with a plant or plants growing out of the crack. Use the prompts below to explore this sidewalk wonder.

Take five minutes to **write down in your journal all the things you notice**. If you run out of things to notice, use the questions below:

- How many different types of plants do you see?
- What colors are the plants?
- Do you see seeds? Flowers?
- Are any other living things at the plant or plants? Describe them.
- How do the plants feel between your fingers? On the backside of your hand?

Take five minutes to **write down all the things you wonder about**. Use the examples below to help you.

- How many people step on this plant in one day?
- Have I seen this plant in other places? Where?
- What does this plant remind me of?

After observing your sidewalk wonder, take a moment (inside or outside), to write down some possible responses to some of the questions you wondered about.

For parents and teachers:

[How to Draw Plants - John Muir Laws](#)

[Carnegie Museum of Natural History - Nature in Sidewalk Cracks](#)

[iNaturalist](#) - upload your sidewalk wonders to iNaturalist (*with parent/guardian supervision*)