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)