

Mrs. Stell – Science 7

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Learning Menu for Days 27-31

Practicing Observation

This week's assignment is to be an at home scientist. One of the most important skills that scientists use each and every day is accurately recording observations, so we are going to focus on this skill.

Remember observations are information you gather with your senses (see, hear, smell, taste, touch).

Spring is starting to arrive and because our lives have slowed down a bit we plenty of time to observe the signs of its arrival. Keep your eyes and ears open and make some observations in your own back yard **email me your observations or better yet send me a photo**. There are some rainy day/inside options too. If you do not have internet access please just write down your observations.

Try to complete 2 activities a day; I gave you 20 to choose from:

Observe and identify a spring bird.	Listen to the sound of spring rain; describe how those raindrops move through the water cycle.	Watch a Brain Pop video on Rachel Carson the author of "Silent Spring".	Look for buds growing on a tree or bush; Try to identify the type of tree.	Write down the times for sunrise and sunset for today and compare it to tomorrow's times.
Take a look at the WV DNR site; did you find out anything interesting.	Locate and identify a spring flower.	Plant Something. What did you plant?	Observe an insect; record any observations you make. What insect did you study?	Enjoy the spring time delicacy ramps; what do they smell/taste like?
Have you smelled freshly cut grass yet? If so record when and where.	Go out and enjoy the sun, how did it make you feel? How long does it take the sunlight to reach us here on Earth?	Listen to the "spring peepers" when and where you heard them.	Watch a live zoo cam for 10 minutes; record what you observed. What animals did you look at?	What was the average rainfall for March; how does that compare to last year?
Observe a rabbit or squirrel; document your observations.	Take a walk; look for signs of spring, what did you see/smell/hear?	Learn about WV Golden Rainbow trout; what is special about them? How did the first appear?	Write down the daily temperature for today and compare it to the average daily temperature.	Listen to the sound of birds chirping; when and where did you hear it?