



EARTH DAY ACTIVITY: Out My Window I See

Make a frame that you can use as a “window to the world”. You can take a box and (have a grown up help cut away the middle) to make a frame or use a picture frame without the glass. Imagine that you are looking out a window. Is the window in your room, in your house, in school, some place else?

List nouns (names) of things that you see. Now you are going to add a verb ending in “ing” to each noun and create a participle pattern poem.

For younger children, just list what they see and try to combine it in a sentence.

I see a *yellow flower* out my window.

I see a *humming bird* out my window.

I see the *house next door* out my window.

You can do this activity outside of your classroom? Will your observations change if you observe from a different spot? From the same spot at a different time of day? On another day? At a different season? At sunset? In fog or rain?

Here are examples of participle pattern poems:

Out My Window I See

Frogs swimming

Tadpoles leaping

Ladybugs talking

Ducklings dining

Lemons dropping

Out My Window I See * Notice the “ing” is written first.

Rolling rocks

Crawling bugs

Snapping turtles

Twinkling stars

Walking sticks

Turning toads

There is a pattern to each poem.

Now, try thinking about our Earth and compose a poem. Out my Window I See Signs of Spring!