

Pine Cone Craft

(Recommended for Grades K-5)

Great for use on Vernfield's Nature Trail!

Materials:

Pinecone for every child
2-3 wide contains or bowls
Plastic knives
Sunbutter mixture*
A 12 -16 inch strip of yarn or string for each pinecone
Birdseed (nut-free)
Plastic gloves
Large disposable tablecloth or towel

*Sunbutter Mixture

This mixture was used at Vernfield as a substitute for peanut butter and nut allergies. Please consult your classroom teacher to determine if all ingredients are appropriate for the children in your class. This recipe makes a lot of mixture.

1 tub Crisco
1 jar of Sunbutter (organic SunGold Foods, Inc. brand)
2 jars of Soynut butter (I.M. Healthy brand)

Directions:

- Empty birdseed and Sunbutter mixture into separate, wide containers or bowls. Spread out a large disposable tablecloth or towel under work area.
- Tie a piece of yarn or string onto each pinecone.
- Have each child put on a pair of plastic gloves.
- Have each child spread the Sunbutter mixture onto each pinecone.
- Then have each child roll his/her pinecone in the Sunbutter mixture.
- Visit Vernfield's Nature Trail and hang the pinecones!

