

## **Backyard Seek and Find**

Young students have been home for a while and want to do and learn something new. With the coming of spring, our backyards are changing every day. A Seek and Find will challenge any 4 to 8 year old to use their observation and critical thinking skills. These skills are important for science and math as well as other subjects.

In the table below we have included things commonly found in backyards, the blank spaces are for you to include things you may have in your yard. We suggest you set aside a time each week for this activity. Some items can stay in the table, others added and spaces can be rearranged. If there are several children in the household, they can take turns creating Seek and Finds for each other.

	Smallest flower	A Bird – don't try to catch it!	
Biggest leaf in yard	Leaf shaped like a fish		A seed from any plant
	Something round	Something purple	
	Something yellow		Smallest leaf in yard
Something square		Piece of trash (pick it up!)	

## Seek and Find Map

Map reading is another skill that teachers may have included in lessons this spring.

- Hide a small surprise in the backyard.
- Map its location with a simple step map like below. Students count their steps and make turns as indicated by the colored squares below.
- If your student can read, add some clues.
- Once they are skilled with following maps, allow them to make maps for each other or for their parents.

		Swing Set		
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	Big Tree Start here			
Each S = 5 s	square teps			

