

# Nature's Secrets in Our Backyard and Beyond



## INVITATION TO A WORLD OF WONDER

- *“There are NO seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child; there are seven million.”* (W. Streightiiff)
- *Unless you **change** and become like little children.....* (Matt. 18:3)

## FINDING REST & GRACE IN A BUSY, MESSY, BEAUTIFUL LIFE

- What Rest **IS NOT**:
  
  
- What Rest **IS**:

## RE-DISCOVER THE WONDERS OF NATURE THROUGH:

- **Living Books** (See Pg. 4 for book recommendations)
  
  
- **Poetry** - *“Has the ability to restore a sense of mystery...wonder ...and possesses many secrets.”* (S.Ban Breathnach)
  
  
- **Our 5 Senses – Experience the Colors, Songs, Scents, Taste & Feel of Each Season**
  
  
- **Fairy Houses**
  
  
- **Play (form of re-telling)**

➤ **Nature Art & Music**

➤ **Nature Memory Book**

➤ **Seasonal Table**

### **Living Book Recommendations:**

- *Favorite Poems Old and New Selected by Helen Ferris*, 1957
- *The Curious Nature Guide, Explore the Natural Wonders All Around You*, Clare Walker Leslie
- *The Complete Book of the Flower Fairies*, Cicely Mary Barker
- *Gifts from the Sea*, Anne Morrow Lindburgh
- *Fairy Houses...Everywhere*, Barry and Tracy Kane
- *Into the Woods: A Woodland Scrapbook*, Loretta Krupinski
- *Planting the Wild Garden*, Kathryn O. Galbraith, Wendy Anderson Halperin
- *A Butterfly is Patient*, Dianna Hutts Aston, Sylvia Long
- *A Seed is Sleepy*, Dianna Hutts Aston, Sylvia Long
- *An Egg is Quiet*, Dianna Hutts Aston, Sylvia Long
- *A Nest is Noisy*, Dianna Hutts Aston, Sylvia Long
- *A Rock is Lively*, Dianna Hutts Aston, Sylvia Long
- *The Snowflake*, Winter's Secret Beauty

#### **STORY BOOKS**

- *My Mama Had a Dancing Heart*, Libba Moore Gray
- *The Gardener*, Sarah Stewart
- *The Scarecrow*, Cynthia Rylant
- *Snow*, Cynthia Rylant
- *In November*, Cynthia Rylant
- *In a Nutshell*, Joseph Anthony
- *Our Tree Named Steve*, Allen Zwiebel
- *The Very Best Bed*, Rebekah Raye
- *Leaf Man*, Lois Ehlert

#### **CHAPTER BOOKS**

- *Wind in the Willows*, Kenneth Graham, 1908
- *Anne of Green Gables*, Lucy Maud Montgomery, 1908
- *Charlotte's Web*, E.B. White, 1952
- *Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett, 1911
- *Heidi*, Johanna Spyri 1879