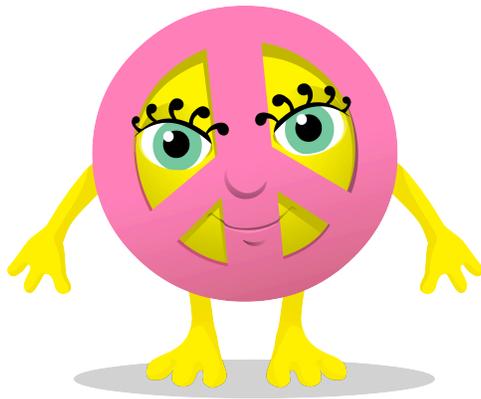




#12: Neighborhood Friends

Materials Needed:

- Taste-Safe Dough (Recipe provided on last page)
 - Vegetable oil
 - Corn Starch
 - Baking Soda
 - Large bowl
 - Wooden Spoon
 - Measuring Cups & Spoons
- Variety of animal safe food (will vary depending on your location)



“Hi Friends! Patsy Peace here. I love taking time to explore the outdoors. One of my favorite things is when I get a glimpse of the many animals that make the outdoors their home. In this activity we’ll get to investigate the creatures that live in our own neighborhoods!”

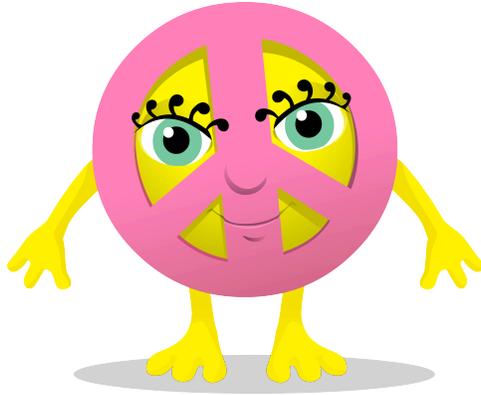
Explore Neighborhood Friends Background:

You’ll be exploring animal tracks in this activity. It may be a good idea to go to the library and get a book about animal tracks before you begin. Browse the book and pay close attention to the particular region where you live. What animals live there? What ones might live in your neighborhood?

This activity has three important steps. First you’ll mix up some taste-safe dough. Then you’ll place it outside and scatter some food around it. The next morning you’ll get to check the dough and see what creatures may have walked through it to get a late night snack!

Explore Neighborhood Friends Activity:

- Ask a grown-up for help before you begin this activity
- Make the cloud dough using the recipe provided on the last page of this Science Bite
- Spread out the dough on a paper plate and place it outside in a safe spot
- Scatter some food around the dough
- This is the hard part! Leave the dough overnight
- The next morning—check the dough. Did any animals walk through it? What kind of animals? Can you find pictures of similar tracks in your book or from the Internet?



“It’s so fun to see what kind of animals are wandering around outside! I’m sure they were happy to wander into your experiment and find some tasty treats!”

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