

## Fun Activities to do with Plants

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>

- 1) Make garden journals to keep throughout the year (Use a book making technique and include monthly divisions, lined, plain, and graph paper for pages. Provide time to write, draw, record, and paste up after each garden time.
- 2) Press flowers. Lay a sheet of cardboard on ground. Add two sheets of newspaper. Lay flowers separately and cover with two more sheets of newspaper. Keep adding layers and top off with another sheet of cardboard. Tie up with rubberbands or string and place under something heavy. Try to store pressed flowers in a cool, dry place. Wait ten days then take apart carefully.
- 3) Dry flowers head down in 2 parts cornmeal and 1 part borax. These flowers can then be used in bird wreaths or arrangements.
- 4) Make a batch of compost indoors. Recipe: 1 part dried leaves, 1 part green lawn clippings, and 1/4 part soil. Plastic line a boot box and add mix. Stir regularly and observe.
- 5) Adopt a plant and keep a journal on it (measurements, characteristics, what the class likes about it, drawings..). You may want to work with a sick plant and then revive with worm castings, light and regular watering.