



# Out-of-Door Life Prompts

From *Home Education (vol.1)* by Charlotte Mason

Have meals out of doors - why not? p. 42

Plan a whole day in the open! p. 43

Do "Sight-seeing": require precise descriptions with statements like: "find out all you can about..." or "describe to me what that tree is like." p. 45

Do "Picture Painting": encourage children to see fully and in detail, to make a clear picture in the "mind's eye." p. 48-49

Make a specific study of trees, flowers, grasses, field crops, seasons, etc. p. 51-53

Keep a family Calendar of Firsts. p. 54

Keep individual nature journals. p. 54

Watch small and large creatures quietly. p. 57

Do basic classification. p. 63

Utilize naturalists' books. p. 64

Do "pictorial geography": use features in own space to represent geographical features. p. 72

Teach position of sun. p. 73

Understand distance and direction. p. 73-76

Do a compass drill. p. 76

Make maps of own yard, neighborhood, and local boundaries. p. 77

Do nothing!

Refrain from too much talk. p. 79

Incorporate foreign language vocabulary for nature terms. p. 81

Play noisy outdoor games: tag, jump rope, badminton, etc. p. 81-83

Sing folk songs and do folk dances. p. 82

Experience climbing. p. 83-84

Take planned winter walks. p. 85

Do "bird stalking." p. 89

