

## NATURE AT HOME

With support from the Morning Star FOUNDATION

We hope to inspire kids of all ages to learn about the natural world and discover new connections to nature.

## **Nature Journal – Six-Word Stories**

View the Video at DishmanHills.org/Nature-At-Home

Materials needed: Journal or paper and pencil







The first photo shows the Arrowleaf Balsamroot flowers. The next photo shows the flowers turned to seed pods and many of them were nipped off. The last photo is of seeds being taken out of the pod on a rock. Were they possibly eaten by an animal?

I wrote these observations in my journal using three categories:

I notice ...
I wonder ...
It reminds me of ...

I noticed that the tops of the flowers were gone. I wondered how or what happened? I also noticed the seed pods on a rock and it made me wonder how or what made that happen? I noticed that something had been eating the seeds and it reminded me of an "all you can eat buffet" for animals! I wrote down all my observations in my journal.

A Six-Word Story is a poem that tells an entire story in only six words! Here are some examples that are nature oriented:

Turn that off and go outside. By: Peter B. Newman

Picking up trash, Mother Earth smiles. By: Richard Schneider

Using the above photos, I came up with:

Balsamroot munched. A wild creature's brunch! By: George Stratman

Go out in nature and write your own Six-Word Story based on what you see.

If you would like to share your Six-Word Stories: email: Education@DishmanHills.org