Observe – Go for a nature walk. Sketch a tree and label the parts of the tree in the drawing. Make a rubbing of the tree’s bark and tape a leaf to the page.

Record – Take a nature walk and record sounds you hear. Bring a bird book and binoculars and try to identify birds you observe. Later, invite the children to listen to the recording and try to identify the sounds.

Construct – Imagine you are a bird. Draw your perfect birdhouse. Then build it using blocks, boxes, tape, glue and other materials you find at home.

Create – Make shadow paper puppets with the children. Using a flashlight and the puppets you created, ask the children to plan a puppet show. Invite friends and family to participate.

Measure and Compare – Choose a tree. On paper, create two columns: Time & Length. Write down the time you observed the tree and measure and record how long the shadow is. Measure the shadow at different times of the day and record. Compare and discuss.

Read Another Way to Climb a Tree by Liz Garton Scanlon and do the following STEAM activities. When Lulu’s well, she climbs every tree. But when Lulu’s sick, she’s not allowed outside. With her imagination, Lulu climbs and swings and hides in her special tree.