ROCK INVESTIGATION:
K-2 Instruction Guide

For this activity we’ll be taking a closer look at rocks! Rocks can’t crawl like bugs or fly birds, but they are still an important part of nature. Rocks can break down into small pieces, giving us dirt and sand. Many animals like to use rocks as safe homes or places to look out from. And rocks are even used to make roads and buildings!

Rocks are found in nature, but they are not alive. They can form in different ways and change over time as they are moved by wind, pushed on by the Earth, or covered in water. It takes rocks a very long time to change and many of the rocks you see in nature have been around for thousands of years.

Granite  Gneiss  Sandstone

For this activity you’ll be a geologist (that’s a person who studies rocks). Look for rocks around your neighborhood and when your done, do your best to put them back where you found so they can remain a part of nature!

Fold this sheet in half along the dotted line, grab a pencil, and head outside to explore!

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Look around your neighborhood for an interesting rock.
Draw a picture of it in the box below.

My rock is:

Color: ___________________
Size: ___________________
Shape: ___________________

My rock feels: (circle any that describe your rock)

Smooth  Rough  Hard  Soft  Cold

Now that you’ve looked closely at one rock, keep looking for more around your neighborhood.
Can you find a rock that is...

Very Small  Rough  More than 1 color

Smooth  Sand Colored  Dirt Colored

Did you find them all? You ROCK!