




Pre-K 3 – Nature: Snails

Key Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a snail?• What are their physical characteristics?• How do they eat?• How do they move?	
Learn about Snails:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you ever seen a snail before?• What do you know about them?• What do you want to know?• Learn a little more about snails here: https://kids.kiddle.co/Snail	
Snail Trail:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snails cannot hear. To find their food they use their sense of smell.• Pretend to be a snail hunting for your food! Put a dab of vanilla extract on a few cotton balls. Hide the cotton balls throughout your home and see if you can find them by using your sense of smell.• Do you think it would be easy to be a snail?	
Matisse Snail:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take a look at <i>The Snail</i> by Henri Matisse from the Tate Galleries: https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/matisse-the-snail-t00540<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What do you see?○ What do you think about this piece?○ What does it make you wonder?• Matisse often made artwork by cutting or ripping paper and creating a collage.• Make a snail Matisse inspired artwork of your own!• If you need more ideas for this art project, check here: http://www.rubberbootsandelfshoes.com/2019/07/matiss-e-inspired-snail-art.html	



Snail Trap:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make your own snail trap by hollowing out an orange or grapefruit half. Turn it upside down and place in a damp, shady spot. The snails will creep under the fruit skin during the day. Check your trap in the morning to see there's a snail.• Observe it. What do you notice:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How is it moving?○ What color(s) is it?○ What does the shell look like?○ What do you imagine it would feel like if you touched it?
Spiral Hunt:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The shell on a snail's back helps to protect it, and also keeps it moist. Shells have many different shapes, sizes, and colors, but all snails have a special spiral shape on their shells.• Can you find spirals anywhere else?• Go for a walk and look other spiral shapes in your neighborhood.• How many can you find?
Play Dough Snails:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A snail's "foot" is a muscle that allows it to move slowly across the ground. Attached to its foot is its head. Attached to its head are stalks with eyes on the end.• Use play dough to make a snail. Don't forget its foot, eyes, and shell!• Look here for a recipe for play dough with common pantry items: https://stayathomeeducator.com/absolutely-perfect-no-cook-scented-play-dough-recipe-without-cream-tartar/