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EDUCATION

Bud Buddies

Spring is a time of many changes. Keep your eyes open to discover a very special tree transformation!

 Compostable string (twine, wool yarn or cotton string). Nature journal.
Camera (optional)

 Grades: 4-7  10-20 minutes for activity, then 5 minutes every other day

Directions

- Find a bud to become buddies with.
- Tie a string around the branch near the bud. If you are not able to reach a bud or are watching one from your window, don't worry. You know which bud is your special one!
- Get out your nature journal. Write down any questions you have about your bud (start with 'I wonder...').
- Make a record. In your journal make a chart to record your observations. Your chart could look something like this:

Date	Temperature	Bud observations	Drawing of bud
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5. Return to your bud to see how it has changed. Check it everyday or every other day.
6. Research any questions you may have about your bud.

Resources

- **Golden Area Local Species Guide**, courtesy of School District Six.
- **Learning to Recognize Trees of British Columbia**, from the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- What other resources may you have at home that you could use to learn about tree buds? Do you have a family member you could ask, an encyclopedia, or tree guide books?

