
Activity Suggestions for *Prairie Willow*

1. Willow Tree Painting

- use a large piece of brown kraft paper or white cartridge paper
- paint a tree trunk and droopy branches that look like those on a willow tree
- allow to dry
- mix two or three different shades of green paint by combining green with either white or blue
- use a large feather to paint on the wispy leaves of the weeping willow tree making sure that they arch up and then droop down in the same direction as the branches

2. Timeline

- make a timeline that chronicles the life of Emily and her family using a large tree
- on a long piece of kraft paper, draw a willow tree (or paint a tree as described above)
- begin the timeline just under the tree with “Emily’s family arrives on the Prairie”
- next, at the very base of the tree, write “Willow tree planted”
- continue in this way until you reach just above the highest part of the tree where you will write “Emily dies, but the tree and her family live on”

3. Quilting

- make a paper pioneer quilt using construction paper and geometric shapes
- design the quilt block on white paper first and then cut shapes out of construction paper to make the design
- glue the shapes onto a piece of bristol board or cardboard
- display the squares all together to make a classroom quilt