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## 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