Small Noticings II
Water Quality Monitoring Day- Writing/poetry assignment

How often do you stop to just notice some small sensory detail that catches your attention during the day? Paying attention to these things is what gives good writers the concreted details to their writing that come alive for the reader. Here are some examples of “small noticings”:

- The silver trail left by a snail crawling along a leaf
- Fire, dancing and crawling along a piece of dry firewood
- Mist slowly lifting off the lake’s surface at dawn
- A leaf gliding on top of the water
- Shadows growing longer throughout the day

Keeping your senses open: sight, sound, touch and smell, write 5 “noticings” from your water quality monitoring site. Be ready to share with the class after the field trip!

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