Teachable Moments
Kindergarten

The Gem and Mineral Hall
Displaying 2,000+ specimens, explore everything from sedimentary to metamorphic, meteorites, precious stones and even gold! Learn more at: www.nhm.org/explore-exhibits/permanent-exhibits/gems-minerals

Science
- In the Native Gold exhibit, gather students and have them make observations about what gold looks like.
- Talk about the uses of gold in everyday life. (e.g. jewelry, dentistry, machinery. . . )
- Ask students if they have seen gold and where they have seen gold.

Language Arts
- Gather students in front of any display in the hall.
- Ask students to describe what colors, sizes, and shapes they see.
- Have students use the following sentence structure to share their observations: For example, “I see a green, shiny rock that is pointy.”

Math
- In Gemstones and their Origins, ask students to walk around and observe the shapes of the gems and minerals.
- Have students share observations, particularly about what shapes they see, with the whole group or in pairs.