

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

Release week April 21, 2013: Arbor Day

Standards

- Current Events: Students will make an advertisement promoting planting trees in your area
- Science: Students will learn to identify various local trees
- Art: Students will create a tree-leaf art rubbing.

Activities

1. Use the News: Make a “public service” type of newspaper advertisement that encourages the public to plant a tree. Include some of the facts included in this edition of WOW, and design a layout with drawings or photos to make your point.
2. How many trees in your community can you identify? Get a book from the library that describes the various local trees. Photographs are very helpful. Use that information to go outside and see how many you can recognize. Printed pages from the Internet could also be carried outdoors to make it easier.
3. Make Arbor Day artwork using a leaf “rubbing” technique. First, collect several different tree leaves of all sizes. Next, place them under a sheet of paper, one at a time, and gently rub the paper on top of the leaf. Then, little by little, add another. You can use different colors of crayons or pencil crayons. The leaves may overlap. Keep coloring until you fill the page with a nice pattern of leaves.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.