

Home Letter

A Tree Is Growing
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Dear Family,

Nature presents us with wondrous plant life. This week we'll explore the question "What are some differences among types of trees?" In the informational text **A Tree Is Growing**, we'll read interesting facts about trees found around the world. We'll also read **Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening**, a vivid poem by Robert Frost.



This week's...

Target Vocabulary: pollen, store, clumps, passages, absorb, throughout, coverings, spines, tropical, dissolve

Phonics Skill: Words with /k/ and /kw/

Vocabulary Strategy: Word roots

Comprehension Skill: Text and graphic features—tell how words and photos work together

Comprehension Strategy: Question—ask questions before you read, while you read, and after you read

Writing Focus: Opinion writing—problem and solution paragraph

Activities to Do Together

Vocabulary

With your child, use this week's **Target Vocabulary** words to describe kinds of trees on Earth.

Nature Walk

Take a walk around your neighborhood with your child and discuss the trees you see. Ask your child to point out the different parts of a tree, such as the roots, bark, leaves, and branches.

Save the Trees

Discuss with your child the need to protect the forests and the problem of over-forestation. Then ask your child to write a short paragraph that identifies the problem and proposes a solution to help save the trees.



Go to the *eBook* to read and listen to this week's selection.