

Tree Discovery



Lesson Focus and Goals:

Get your class outside exploring trees in the neighbourhood! Students will learn how to identify and make connections to these plant relatives. They will then create an art piece to display their intricate beauty! Students will also tally the tree types in their neighbourhoods and share their findings with their classmates.

Materials Needed

- Pencil
- Notebook/clipboard and paper
- Leaves/needles
- Crayons (optional)
- Washable markers (optional)
- Magnifying glass/binoculars (optional)

Grade Level - Early Years

Science

- Diversity of living things (trees)
- Weather, seasons and the environment
- 5 senses

Social Studies

- Indigenous teachings and worldviews

Activate:

After watching the [tree identification video](#), find a tree in your neighbourhood or nearby park that you feel connected to. Take a few moments to sit with the tree. How do you feel? What drew you to this particular tree? How would you describe the tree? Try to identify the tree.

Acquire:

Take a leaf or needles from your chosen tree to create a [print](#). Continue to move through your neighbourhood or park. Create a tally sheet of the trees that you find. How many of each tree can you find? Where are they located?

Apply:

Share your art print with your peers and your experience with the tree! Notice which trees and prints your classmates share. What do their prints look like? What were their experiences like? You can also share your tally sheet with your class and create a compilation of the different types of trees found!

Optional extension: Return to your special neighbourhood tree on a regular basis to see how it changes and grows throughout the year!



Tree Type

How many of these trees do you have in your neighbourhood?

Spruce

Pine

Birch

Trembling
Aspen

Elm

Cottonwood

Other? If you know the tree names, list them here.

How many coniferous trees did you find? _____

How many deciduous trees did you find? _____

What is the most common tree in your neighbourhood?



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