

Leaf Rubbing Characters

Try this fun activity to strengthen your students understandings of native Manitoba tree species!

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Materials Needed:

- Blank white paper
- Clipboards or another hard surface
- Crayons with wrappers peeled off
- Pens/markers/etc.

Additional Resources:

- [Leaf Rubbing Instructions](#)

Directions:

1. Take students outside and identify a few different trees. For help with identification, check out this [tree ID field guide](#) produced by the Government of Manitoba.
2. Instruct students to take a leaf off the tree. (We usually do this in pairs and partners will share a leaf) Remind students to thank the tree for helping them learn!
3. Place the leaf under paper and with the long side of the crayon, shade over where the leaf is placed. An outline of the leaf should show up on the paper!
4. Repeat as many times as desired.
5. Use markers or pens to draw faces, arms, and legs on your leaf bodies.
6. Name them! Some names we have used are “Elma” for an Elm, “Oakley” for an Oak, “Ashley” for an Ash, etc.
7. Add speech bubbles if desired



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