



Tree Study

Dear UCP Preschool Families,

On March 18 – March 29, our preschool family will begin a school-wide study of trees. We'll be observing and comparing trees to learn about what lives in them, what they're made from, and who cares for them. We hope that this study will help our children further explore and appreciate nature. As we study trees, we will use literacy, math, and the arts to explore the topic in depth. The children will learn important social studies and scientific concepts through firsthand investigations. To conclude our tree study, we will be planting and caring for our very own class tree on the preschool grounds. We will be sharing our tree investigations and experiences with you in your teacher's newsletter and at our End of the Year Family Picnic.

What You Can Do at Home:

You can help your child explore and appreciate nature by learning about trees along with us! Invite your child to talk about trees. Share stories about your favorite childhood memories involving trees and games you might have played around them. Wonder aloud with your child and encourage their thinking about trees.

"I wonder why leaves fall from trees?" "I wonder what makes some trees grow so big?" etc.

Collect parts from trees and encourage your child to sort them. Your child may also enjoy making a collage by arranging and gluing tree items on paper.

If you are able to take a "tree walk" with your child, we would appreciate your help in collecting tree parts to investigate. Please take a bag to a tree area and collect things that have fallen, such as leaves, bark, acorns, twigs, flowers, fruit, or cones. See below for suggestions of other tree parts to bring to school.

Tree parts collection:

variety of leaves evergreen sprigs or small boughs small limbs, branches, twigs
tree "cookies" (cross sections of trees that show the rings) food from trees (fruit & nuts)
pinecones flower clippings (may be kept in water) a live potted tree seeds bark

We always welcome volunteers! If you work with trees or are a gardener, forester, tree trimmer/farmer, nursery worker or an outdoor enthusiast, extra hands are always helpful!

Thank you for playing an important role in our learning!

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