

TREE GRAB BAG



Goal: Teach students the parts of a tree

Materials:

- Paper Bags
- Tree Parts (leaves, twigs, roots, seeds, bark etc.)
- Magnifying Glasses
- Chart Paper
- Marker

Activity:

1. Before class place similar tree parts into bags (i.e all leaves in one bag).
2. As a class draw a tree, or show the class an image of a tree.
3. Show students the bags and tell them that in each bag there is part of a tree. Demonstrate the game by having a volunteer reach into one of the the bags, touch the tree part and to describe it.
4. As students describe each tree part write the words they use on the chart paper.
5. Have students sit in a circle and pass the bag around. Each student should reach into the bag without looking and touch the tree part. Ask each student to describe that they feel in one or two words.
6. Once the bag has gone around the entire circle ask the students if they can identify the part
7. Once all the bags have been passed around the circle take the tree parts out of the bags and place in the middle of the circle. Once all the objects have been removed invite students to examine them with magnifying glasses.

Extension:

- Have the students construct a tree using the parts (i.e. roots at the bottom, leaves and branches at the top)
- Pick a tree in the school yard to visit at least once per season. Note the differences in the tree throughout the year

Activity adapted from: *Teaching about Tree: A Resource Kit*

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