Unit 4: Our Earth

WEEK 4 Day 1



Read Aloud Be a Friend to Trees Read 3 of 5, Pages 21-29

Big Ideas	People, other animals and plants depend on and impact the environment.
	Plants grow and change over time. They need light, water, and air to live and grow.
Unit Question	In what ways do people, animals and plants depend on and impact the environment?
Guiding Questions	How do plants grow and change over time? What do plants need to survive?
Content Objective	I can use key details from words and illustrations to explain how trees get food to survive. (R.6.K.a, R.6.K.b, R.11.K.a, R.11.K.c)
Language Objective	I can clarify the meaning of scientific vocabulary, such as photosynthesis, by using key details from words and illustrations. (L.4.K)
Vocabulary	 useful: can be used for many things, helpful sap: a sticky fluid that comes from trees bark: the protective outer layer of a tree shelter: a place that gives protection against weather or danger store: to keep for future use surface: the top layer of something gas: a form of matter that is neither liquid, like water, nor solid like wood
Materials and Preparation	 Be a Friend to Trees, Patricia Lauber Be a Friend to Trees vocabulary cards Living Things and How They Depend on Trees chart from Week 3,

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Onering	Day 4 • markers On the whiteboard, write: How and what do trees eat?
Opening 1 minute	Review the text and set a purpose. We've been reading Be a Friend to Trees by Patricia Lauber. So far we've discussed how useful trees are to people and animals. We learned that trees help other living things survive. Refer to the chart and discussion from the previous week. Today we will use the words and illustrations to understand how trees survive. We will discuss this question, How and what do trees eat? We'll pay close attention to how the different parts of a tree help it survive.
Text and Discussion 10 minutes	Here I see that people also depend on trees for the oxygen that they put into the air. Let's remember to add this to our chart later. This will be added to the chart at the end of the lesson.
page 21	We also just read a really interesting key detail. The text says, "They give off oxygen as they make their food." Wow, trees make their own food? Let's keep reading to find out how!
pages 24-25	 Read the page once through without stopping. That was a lot of information. Let's take a look at this useful diagram to help us understand this big word: photosynthesis. Gas is something that's all around us, but we cannot see it. I'm going to read again slowly, but this time let's look at the diagram after each important key detail. Reread the page slowly, pausing to match key details to the diagram. How do the arrows in the diagram help us, the readers, understand the meaning of photosynthesis?
page 26	 What does the author mean that some food in the trees is stored for future use? Invite children to point out the multiple meanings of store. Connect to the discussion and images from the Grow a Definition routine, as needed. Read to the end of page 29 with minimal stopping.
Key Discussion and Activity	Reread page 24.

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6 minutes Closing 3 minute	Refer to the questi children to referen <i>Wow, trees</i> <i>What shou</i> <i>depend on</i> Add to the chart th which comes from	that do trees eat? on on the whiteboard. During the share, encourage ace specific details from the text and reread, as needed. <i>The eat a kind of sugar that they make themselves!</i> Id I add to our chart about how people and animals trees? That both animals and people use oxygen to breathe,
		n we've learned in the book.
Standards	events in a story. R.6.K.b With promindividuals, events With prompting a individuals, events R.11.K.a With promillustrations and th R.11.K.c With provide the text and what L.4.K Identify new	pting and support, identify characters settings and major opting and support, describe the connection between two , ideas, or pieces of information in a text. nd support, describe the connection between two , ideas or pieces of information in a text. mpting and support, describe the relationship between he text. mpting and support, describe the relationship between person, place, thing or idea the illustration depicts. meanings for familiar words and apply them accurately k is a bird and learning the verb to duck).
Ongoing assessment	share. Do childrer How do chi	to children's discussion in the partner and whole group explain how trees make and use food? Idren make meaning of key details in identify key details that show how trees are a resource?
Center		
Activities	Art Table	Children create collages inspired by nature.
	Art Easel	Children use paint and pastels to create still lifes.
	Blocks	Children continue to create a block forest.
	Dramatization	Children pretend to recycle at home.
	Library & Listening	Children research recycling.

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Table	
STEM	Children continue mini gardens and composting.
Writing & Drawing	Children continue working on the Capstone.

Notes