

Building Curriculum Through Books

Please complete all sections of the book report.

Curriculum Theme: _____Plants_____

Book title: The giving Tree_____

Author: _Shel Silverstein_____

Summarize your book. What is the story about?

The story is about a young boy and a tree, who were friends. He enjoyed climbing the tree, eating the apples, using it for shade and enjoying swinging from it. As time went on he forgot how important the tree was to him, and each time he went to visit the tree he took from it over and over again until there was nothing left to give but its stomp. At that point he was too old to do anything but in the end the tree provided him with a place to sit.

Mirrors and Windows: How might this book support children in your class. Is it a mirror, window, a sliding door, or a combination? Explain.

Class I would like to let you know from this story how important the tree was in the boys life, just as it is in yours. The tree provided him shade, and a place to go have fun, like swinging and even playing hiding go seek. Now who doesn't like a good game of hiding go seek. Trees are used to provide wood for us to build things and even provide us with yummy fruits.

Describe the illustrations. How do the illustrations add to the story?

The illustration gave us an inside of what happens to a tree, what was once fun and enjoyable have then turned into nothing but a stomp in the end. Every picture captured what the Author was trying to show us.

List questions that you would ask before, during or following a read aloud or discussion of this book.

Do you think we can build things from trees?

Are trees important to you and me? Why?

Can trees give us food?

Get creative! Briefly describe an art activity (using visual arts, movement, music, or dramatic play) that you would do with your class of 4, 5, or 6-year olds in connection with reading this book.

Today we are going over to the block area and I want you to tell me what they are made of, and then I want you all to work together and then build something. Then we are going to go outside to the park and sit under the tree like the young man and have lunch so you can enjoy the shade the tree provides for us. Then I want you to let me know if you think trees are important to us.