



Tree Walk and Talk

30 minute discussion and tour of 5 Tuckahoe schoolyard trees

Discussion- What is a tree. What are the characteristics that make a tree a tree?

A tree is a plant. Its *roots* get water and nutrients from the ground in addition to holding the tree in place. It is hard to see a tree's roots.

A tree has *bark* to protect the inside parts that are moving water and nutrients through the plant. Tree bark has interesting textures to touch.

A tree has limbs that support the *leaves*. The leaves use chlorophyll, sunlight, water and carbon dioxide to make food for the plant.

The tree has a special *crown shape* depending on how it holds its limbs. Some have triangular or circular crown shapes.

Trees have *seeds* that travel and sprout a new tree in a new location.

Activity: Let's go look at Tuckahoe's Schoolyard Trees!

You will be collecting 5 leaves and several seeds you find on the ground.

We will stop at 5 trees that are different kinds with different characteristics. Our group will collect one leaf from each of the 5 trees.

Let's see if we can learn their names! Catalpa, Maple, Oak, Pine, and Dogwood.