

The Oak Tree

A mighty wind blew night and day,
It stole the Oak Tree's leaves away,
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
until the Oak was tired and stark.
But still the Oak Tree held its ground
while other trees fell all around.
The weary wind gave up and spoke,
How can you still be standing Oak?"
The Oak Tree said, I know that you
can break each branch of mine in two,
carry every leaf away,
shake my limbs and make me sway.
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see
they are the deepest part of me.
Until today, I wasn't sure
of just how much I could endure.
But now I've found with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew.



Tree Fun Facts...

- Trees absorb billions of tons of carbon dioxide.
- Trees give off oxygen that we need to breathe.
- It takes around 450 mature trees to offset the annual emissions of one person.
- Trees reduce the amount of storm water runoff, which reduces erosion and pollution in our waterways and may reduce the effects of flooding.
- Trees can cool the air around them by as much as 3 to 5 degrees F.
- A healthy 100-foot-tall tree can take in 11 thousand gallons of water from the soil and release it into the air again, as oxygen and water vapor, in a single growing season.



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Fifth Grade Poster/Essay Contest 2024 Theme "Trees/Forests"



Bringing academic standards in science to your class with a fun and informative activity!



Make your reservations today!



Our Theme: “Trees/Forests”

There is no doubt that trees are one of the most important resources we have on earth. They perform an essential roll in a healthy planet.

Our reservations for classroom programs will open on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 and close on Thursday, March 28, 2024.

This will be an informative and fun program introducing your students to the need for this natural resource, how this resource moves energy through ecosystems, and how to keep it available for everyone to use. The program will be 45-50 minutes and be designed to meet or exceed the academic standards for 5th grade in the field of science and language arts in the following ways:

Life Science :

- *5.LS.1 Organisms in an ecosystem perform a variety of roles.*
- *5.LS.2 A successful plant life cycle is essential to an organism’s quest for energy.*

Language Arts:

- *Acquisition of Vocabulary*
- *Essay Writing*

Contest Rules

- *In-classroom presentations are not necessary for students to enter but will give students background on the theme.*
- *One entry per student.*
- *Entries must be drawn on a large paper grocery bag (supplied by Athens Kroger and distributed through this office) and must follow the contest theme.*
- *Entries must be original work drawn with pens, colored pencils, crayons, or markers only. Please do not use grease pencils, glitter, or paint. No computer art or printed images will be accepted. Note that artwork may be placed in a portrait or landscape format on the bag but if using the portrait format make sure the design may be viewed right side up when the bag is open.*
- *Entries must be accompanied by a one page, 12 pt. font essay (minimum of three paragraphs, maximum of one page), explaining their poster, along with the how? and why? trees are important to all of us.*
- *Students are encouraged to creatively express their ideas. Then, with one staple, please fix the essay on the back of the poster-bag. Teachers are asked to assign the student a letter/number code and put it on the back of each entry. Posters and essays will be judged on theme content, and originality.*

- *Teachers will pick ONE ENTRY from each class to be submitted as the classroom winner. For that entry only, fill out the entry form using the student ID code and with a single staple, fix a classroom winner entry form on the back of the winning bag.*
- *Contest dates are Tuesday, February 20, 2024, through Thursday, March 28, 2024.*
- *Please deliver all entries to our office at 69 South Plains Road, The Plains, 45780 by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024.*
- *The classroom winner from each class will be entered into the county contest and will receive a conservation t-shirt. The class winners will then be reviewed by our Board of Supervisors. All winning entries submitted to the Athens SWCD will be used by this office and Kroger to be part of spreading the conservation message.*



Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: \$50.00 for 1st place, \$25.00 for 2nd place, and \$10.00 for 3rd place.

Register Soon, Spaces fill fast...

If you would like to participate in the contest or if you have questions, please call us at (740) 797-9686 ext. 6282. We look forward to working with you and your students!