



## Sense-Sational Tree Tour

**Grades:** K-2nd

**Duration:** 60 minutes for instruction

**Description:** School grounds transforms into a scented, tactile, sound-filled and colorful world of adventure for young children: through the tangy smell of a citrus tree, the smooth bark of a Crape Myrtle, and the calls of nesting birds.

Engaging and fun, this fresh-air ‘Sense-Sational Tree Tour’ of campus trees engages students in a truly hands-on experience of their own school trees through their senses. Children make observations about the trees around them using this newfound perspective, and discuss their findings.



### Objectives:

- Students will experience and observe trees in a manner that engages all of the senses.
- Students will be able to identify the canopy, trunk, and roots of a tree.
- Students will be able to compare and contrast trees.
- Students commit to caring for trees by taking the “Tree Steward Pledge.”

### Evaluation:

- The teacher will be asked to fill out an evaluation to provide feedback on the lesson and to rate what they believe their students learned.

**Key Vocabulary:** Roots, Trunk, Bark, Branches, Leaves, Canopy, Seeds, Fruits, Acorn

### Standards Addressed:

Next Generation Science Standards	Common Core English Language Arts Standards
K-LS1-1. 1-LS1-1., 1-ESS1-2 2-LS4-1.	SL.K.2., SL.K.6. SL.1.2. SL.2.3

### Outline:

Activity	Time
Introductions	5 minutes
Tree Tour	30 minutes
Science Activity: Tree Observation	20 minutes
Closure and “Tree Steward Pledge”	5 minutes