

# Get active!

## Curtain Up!

Making up stories and acting them out is a favorite pastime for kids. Sharpen their writing skills by focusing their creativity on a skit about trees.

### How To

- Have each student write a story about trees. Be sure they name their stories.
- Encourage students to read their stories to the class.
- Ask the class to choose its favorite story.
- Choose actors and a narrator.
- Have the narrator read the story while the actors perform it.
- At the end, the narrator introduces the actors and writer.

### Add The Fun

- Rehearse the skit. Perform it at your Arbor Day Celebration.
- Bring a video camera and film the skit.
- Show the film at a school assembly, with a "red carpet" for the class.

### Story Ideas

- The role trees play in our ecosystem
- Trees in our area
- Trees through the seasons - from bare winter branches, to flowers and leaves, and fruit
- Animals who live in the trees and forests
- Products we get from trees
- How one product goes from tree to consumer



