**Trees**

Trees are often a child’s first introduction to nature. They show the changing seasons, organic shapes, and a habitat for neighborhood animals. With your child, enjoy the fluttering leaves, shade, and swaying branches that trees provide!

- Touch different parts of the tree, trunk, leaves, needles and cones. Which are rough and which are smooth?
- Pick up different types of leaves with your child and talk about their shapes. Trace around the edges of the leaves with your child’s fingers.
- Watch a nearby tree and write down the different animals you see using the tree. Draw pictures of the animals.
- Explore the trees in your own backyard or neighborhood, or visit a nearby park.
- Visit Mt. Rainier National Park or Federation Forest State Park to see old growth evergreen trees.

**Ideas & Tips**

- **Little Pinecone**
  I’m a little pinecone brown and small
  (Make a fist with one hand)
  I live in a pine tree oh so tall.
  (Stretch arms up high)
  When the cold wind blows
  I dance and hop
  (Wave arms as though the wind were blowing)
  Down on the ground with a
  PLOP, PLOP, PLOP!
  (Fall down on the floor)

**More Books**

- In Our Tree by Lindsey Craig
- Leaves by David Stein
- Little Pear Tree by Jenny Bowers
- Penguin and Pinecone: A Friendship Story by Salina Yoon
- Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson

Get going today!