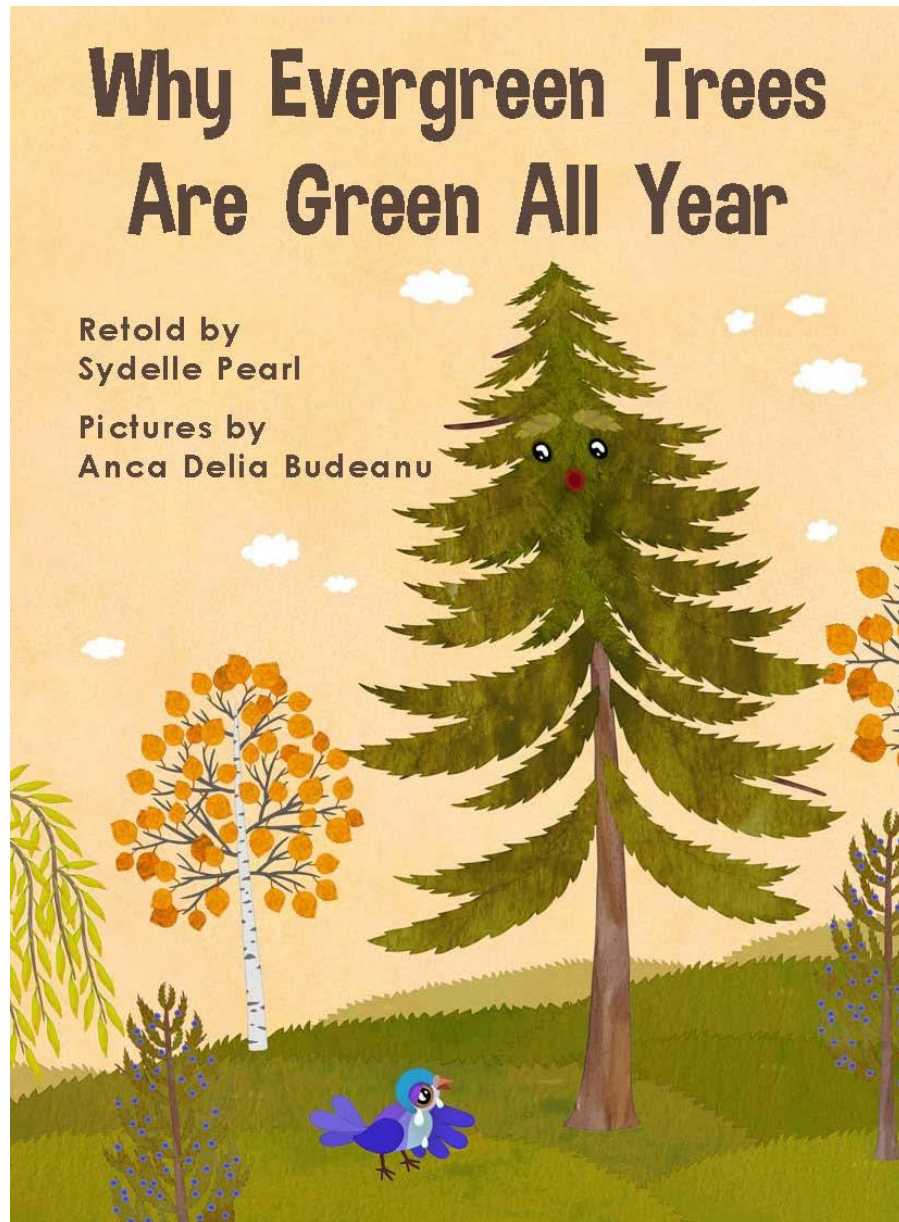


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Teacher Guide and Book Lists for **WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR** by Sydelle Pearl, illustrated by Anca Delia Budeanu, published by Reading Reading Books(RR Books), 2017. Teacher's Guide and Book Lists created by Sydelle Pearl © 2017.



WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR is a retold First Nations folktale from Canada. This Teacher's Guide and Book Lists contains curriculum connections for preschool to grade 2 and beyond to Geography, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Songs and Chants.

Please also see **WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR, A SHORT PLAY**, at www.storypearls.com.

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Language Arts:

- Look at the cover of WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR. What do you think Pine Tree is looking at? What do you think Pine Tree seems to be saying?
- Make up a story and draw some pictures to explain why pine trees can keep their needles all year long.
- Here is a Native American story that explains why pine trees keep their leaves through the winter: Pine and the Winter Sparrow retold by Alexis York Lombard, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal.
- You can put on a play! See **WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR: A SHORT PLAY**, at www.storypearls.com.

Geography and Languages:

WHY EVERGREEN TREES ARE GREEN ALL YEAR comes from Canada. Can you find Canada on a map or a globe?

The official languages of Canada are English and French.

Here is a Book about the French language:

My First Book of French Words by Katy R. Kudela

Books about Canada:

Canada by Susan Hoskins Miller

The Culture and Crafts of Canada by Paul Challen

Books about Similarities and Differences around the World:

If the World Were a Village by David J. Smith, illustrated by Shelagh Armstrong

Somewhere in the World Right Now by Stacey Schuett

When it is Six O’Clock in San Francisco by Cynthia Jaynes Omololu, illustrated by Raymond DeBurle

Whoever You Are by Mem Fox, illustrated by Leslie Staub

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Books with Photographs of Children from around the World:

Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

Celebrations by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley

Children Just Like Me by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley

Families by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

Hats, Hats, Hats by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

Loving by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken, and Me by Maya Angelou, photographs by Margaret Courtney-Clarke

On the Go by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

One World, One Day by Barbara Kerley

Our Favorite Stories by Jamila Gavin, illustrated by Amanda Hall, photographs by Barnabas Kindersley

Play by Ann Morris, photographs by Ken Heyman

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes by Ann Morris

Tools by Ann Morris, illustrated by Ken Heyman

Work by Ann Morris

Books with Greetings in Different Languages:

Mung-Mung by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Diane Bigda

Say Hello! by Rachel Isadora

Hello World by Manya Stojic

More How and Why Stories about Animals and Nature can be found in these Books:

The Book of Nature Myths by Florence Holbrook

(This book has the story called “Why the Evergreen Trees Never Lose Their Leaves.”)

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How and Why Stories: World Tales Kids Can Read and Tell by Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, illustrated by Carol Lyn

How the People Sang the Mountains Up: How and Why Stories by Maria Leach, illustrated by Glen Rounds

A Twist in the Tale: Animal Stories from Around the World by Mary Hoffman, illustrated by Jan Ormerod

Books about Trees (Multicultural):

The Amazing Tree by Jon Kilaka (Tanzania, Africa)

Cherry Tree by Ruskin Bond, illustrated by Allan Eitzen (India)

Eliza's Cherry Tree: Japan's Gift to America by Andrea Zimmerman, illustrated by Juu Hong Chen (Japan and United States of America)

Giant Sequoia Trees by Ginger Wadsworth, photos by Frank Staub (United States)

The Hatseller and the Monkeys by Baba Wague Diakite (Mali, Africa)

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rainforest by Lynne Cherry (Brazil)

The Magic Bean Tree: A Legend from Argentina by Nancy Van Laan, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal

The Magic Tree: A Folktale from Nigeria by T. Obinkaram Echewa, illustrated by E. B. Lewis

Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Kadir Nelson (Kenya)

The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore, collages by Susan L. Roth (Eritrea, Africa)

My Great-Grandmother's Gourd by Cristina Kessler, illustrated by Walter Leon Krudop (Sudan, East Africa)

The Name of the Tree: A Bantu Folktale by Celia Parker Lottridge, illustrated by Ian Wallace

Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai by Claire A. Nivola (Kenya)

Rainforest: An Activity Guide for ages 6-9 by Nancy F. Castaldo (Brazil)

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Redwoods by Jason Chin (United States)

Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonya Lynn Sadler (Kenya)

The Tale of Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale retold by Angela Elwell Hunt, illustrated by Tim Jonke

The Tree that Rains: The Flood Myths of the Huichol Indians of Mexico by Emery and Durga Bernhard

Under the Baobab Tree by Julie Steigemeyer, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (African savannah)

Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter (Kenya)

When the Monkeys Came Back by Kristine L. Franklin, illustrated by Robert Roth (Costa Rica)

The Wooden Sword by Ann Redisch Stampler, illustrated by Carol Liddmer (Afghanistan)

Animal Habitats! Learning about North American Animals and Plants through Art, Science and Creative Play by Judy Press, illustrated by Betsy Day.

The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Lisa Falkenstern

Button, Bucket, Sky by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Vicki Jo Redenbaugh

The Family Tree by David McPhail 8 Book Lists for Dear Mr. Longfellow: Letters to and from the Children's Poet

Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson, illustrated by Tiphonie Beeke

A Grand Old Tree by Mary Newell De Palma

The Growing-Up Tree by Vera Rosenberry

Johnny Appleseed by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Jim Burke

Mole Music by David McPhail

One Small Place in a Tree by Barbara Brenner, illustrated by Tom Leonard

Our Tree Named Steve by Alan Zweibe, illustrated by David Catrow

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Pearl Moskowitz's Last Stand by Arthur Levine, illustrated by Robert Roth

Seed by Seed: The Legend and Legacy of John "Appleseed" Chapman by Esme Raji Codell, illustrated by Lynne Rae Perkins

Tess's Tree by Jess M. Baillier, pictures by Peter H. Reynolds

The Tree by Gakkunard Junesse and PASCALLE de Bourgoing, illustrated by Christian Brown (about the chestnut tree)

A Tree is Nice by Janice Udry

Tree Flowers by Millicent E. Selsam, illustrated by Carol Lerner

The True Tale of Johnny Appleseed by Margret Hodges, illustrated by Kimberly Bulchen Root

Math, Science, and Art—Snow and Ice:

*Fill up a cup with snow in the wintertime. Leave it in your classroom and see how long it takes for the snow to melt. Measure how much water is left in the cup.

*Fill up a cup of water and leave it outside in the wintertime. How long does it take for it to become ice? Measure how much space the ice takes up in the cup.

*What happens when you mix paint with snow? Choose a color of paint, mix it with the snow, and see what happens!

*Wear gloves and play with snow that your teacher can place in the water table!

*Make a winter picture using cotton for snow.

Books about Snow:

The Secret Life of a Snowflake by Kenneth Libbrecht

Snow and Ice by Kay Davies and Wendy Oldfield

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Snow is Falling by Franklyn M. Branley, illustrated by Holly Keller

The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder by Marie Cassino with Jon Nelson, Ph.D

Under the Snow by Melissa Stewart, illustrated by Constance R. Bergum

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Animals in Winter by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard G. Van Gelder, illustrated by Helne K. Davie

Books about Climate Change:

The world is getting too warm and the ice is melting in the Arctic.

Why Are the Ice Caps Melting? The Dangers of Global Warming by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Paul Meisel

Global Warming by Seymour Simon

Books About Birds:

Are You My Mother? By P. D. Eastman, illustrated by

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, illustrated by

Math, Science, and Art--Trees

*Use a blank notebook without lines to be your science journal. Draw trees that you see in the wintertime.

*Draw trees that you see in the springtime. How do the trees look the same? How do they look different?

*Collect leaves from trees that fall to the ground in the autumn. Count and sort the leaves according to color, shape, and size. Can you draw them in your science journal? Can you preserve them by mounting them onto special sticky paper?

*Collect seeds from trees that fall in the autumn such as acorns and horse chestnuts. Count and sort the seeds according to color, shape, and size. Can you draw them in your science journal? At snack time, collect seeds that come from fruit trees such as apples, oranges, lemons, plums, and peaches.

*Can you draw these seeds in your science journal? What happens if you plant these seeds? Measure how big they grow. Draw what happens in your science journal.

*Here is a book about trees in winter: Winter Trees by Carole Gerber

*Take a walk with an adult and gather colorful autumn leaves. Can you count them? Arrange them in a pattern. Make a picture with them.

*Gather pine tree needles. Can you count them? You can arrange them in a pattern too.

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*You can dip the needles into paint and use them like a paintbrush.

*You can gather twigs and dip them into paint and use them as paintbrushes too!

*You can gather bark that has fallen from trees and use these pieces as part of an art project.

*You can gather pine cones that have fallen from trees and dip them into paint too! What kind of picture can you make?

*You can gather the needles, leaves, twigs, bark as well as the seeds of trees such as acorns, chestnuts, and pine cones and put everything into a feeling box. Can you figure out which is which by touching each object?

*You can build a pretend bird's nest from the above materials! Nests are in so many different shapes!

Books about Nests:

Birds Build Nests by Yvonne Winer, illustrated by Tony Oliver

Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest by Irene Kelly, has a section at the end of the book called "You Can Help!" It explains how you can help birds make their nest by gathering bits of yarn, cloth, aluminum foil, dried leaves, and small twigs in a bag with little holes (like a bag from the supermarket that is used to store onions). You can hang the bag onto a tree branch with the help of an adult. Keep an eye out for the birds who will pull out the bits of materials through the holes in the bag!

Have You Heard the Nesting Bird? by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Park

See the interview with the bird" a Word with the Bird" in the last two pages of the book!

Mama Built a Little Nest by Jennifer Ward, illustrated by Steve Jenkins

Books about Birdhouses:

Make Your Own Birdhouses and Feeders by Robin Haus

Riki's Birdhouse by Monica Wellington

*Make a birdhouse from an empty almond milk carton or from another recycled container. How can you decorate it? Hang it from a tree branch with your teacher's help. Can you add sunflower seeds and other seeds for birds to eat in the wintertime? Examine the seeds. How many are eaten? How long does it take for birds to find the seeds?

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Books about Animal Tracks, including Birds:

*Can you notice bird tracks on the ground? Can you draw them in your journal?

Animal Footnotes by Q.L. Pearce, illustrated by Delana Bettoli

Grinkelroot's Book of Animal Tracking by Jim Arnovsky

Wild Tracks by Jim Arnovsky

*You can take a walk in the different seasons and listen carefully for the sound of birdsongs.

Books about Bird Songs:

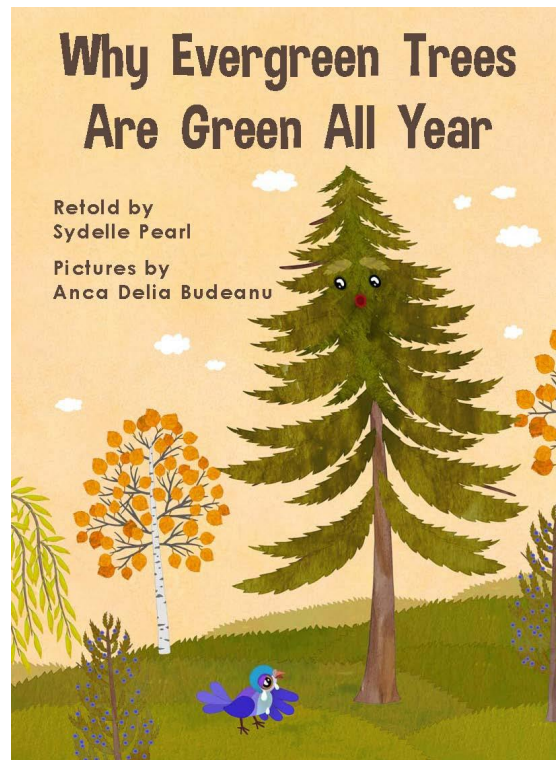
Bird Calls by Frank Gallo, illustrated by Lori Lohstoeter (you can listen to bird calls!)

Bird Talk by Lita Judge

Birdsongs by Betsy Franco, illustrated by Steve Jenkins

Noisy Bird Sing-Along by John Himmelman

Songbirds: The Language of Song by Sylvia A. Johnson



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