

Community Explorers

Things to Do Together

We are exploring all the ways that the people, places, and things in our community—including trees—help us live. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Take a walk around your neighborhood to look for living places, working places, and playing places. Talk about how each of these places help people in the community.
- Locate trees in your neighborhood and look for signs of how people use them. For example, you may find tire or rope swings, treehouses, hammocks, or birdfeeders.
- Visit a grocery store, a corner market or bodega, a garden store, a clothing store, or another place of business. Talk with your child how it helps provide people in your community what they need to live.
- Over the course of the week, make a list of the people in the community who help your child. Invite your child to choose a community helper they might want to be when they grow up. Encourage them to play dress-up in that role or draw a picture of themselves in that role to share.

→ **Family, Friends, and Forests:** Talk about how city trees are like a forest.



Encourage children to express their gratitude to someone or something in the community. Help them write a thank-you note that describes how that person or thing helps them.

Help build your child's vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

We are reading the following books. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

