## **Project Learning Tree:** *Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood*

Exploring nature is a complete sensory experience, and early experiences with the natural world excite children's imaginations and foster their inborn sense of wonder and curiosity-important motivators for lifelong learning.

Since 1993, Project Learning Tree's *PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide* has featured more than 35 activities designed for use with PreK and Kindergarten children. PLT has added a variety of experiences for the young learner to some of these activities, and created more, to produce a new Project Learning

Tree *Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood* guide designed specifically as a resource for educators that work with early childhood audiences.

PLT's Early Childhood guide integrates nature-based exploration, art, literature, math, music and movement, and outdoor play into early childhood education programs. The guide contains eleven activities that encourage young children to explore the senses, the seasons, and neighborhood trees. The activities highlight the importance of kinetic learning and engagement by incorporating music and movement using an accompanying music CD. PLT's *Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood* encourages children to explore, discover, and communicate in expressive ways, and provides an introduction to environmental education at a key developmental period in children's lives.

## **PLT for PreK-8 Educators**

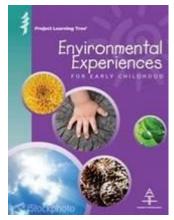
PLT's state of the art PreK-8 curriculum materials are packed with inter-disciplinary activities, each tailored to specific grade levels and learning objectives.

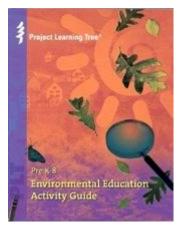
- 96 interdisciplinary activities grouped by theme and storyline
- Activities incorporate reading connections, technology connections, differentiated instruction, and assessment strategies
- Most activities require few special supplies or extra preparation
- All activities include up-to-date student resources and reproducible student pages, background information for educators, easy-to-follow instructions, and additional online resources
- Activities are correlated to national and North Dakota state learning standards

# **Energy & Society Kit**

Through this kit students investigate the environmental issues related to energy's role in society. The kit includes an activity guide, Energy & Me music CD and dance DVD, and a set of posters. It includes:

- A background section for educators.
- An outline of how to use the Energy & Society materials with students
- Correlations to national standards in science, social studies, and English language arts
- A student energy primer
- A collection of six activities that educators can use with the *Where is the energy?* and *What powers the move?* posters.
- Ideas for action projects and science fair projects
- Energy-related case studies
- A list of energy-related children's literature and other resources





- Lyrics to the songs on the Billy B compact disc
- A glossary

### Energy & Me Music CD

- A collection of 15 energy-related songs from singer/songwriter, Billy B.
- Energy & Me music and dance video
- Billy B and students perform dances to five of the songs from the music CD, and complete instructions are provided for three of the dances

### **BILLY B AND THE MUSIC CD**

Project Learning Tree and well-known children's performing artist and songwriter Bill Brennan have teamed together again to produce a new CD -- all about trees! You may already be familiar with Billy B through his award-winning Energy & Me CD and dance DVD that's included with PLT's <u>Energy & Society kit</u>.

Parents, grandparents, and educators can use Billy B's latest fun and educational CD with 19 high energy songs to engage kids in learning about trees, forests, and people who work the land. Lyrics for the songs are included in the CD, and correlations have been made to PLT's PreK-8 Guide activities. The cost for the CD is \$15.

