

Oregon Forest Resources Institute helps fund a program called Talk About Trees. This program is an educational resource that discusses and demonstrates the importance of keeping the forest clean and managed. Last year, my class had the honor of having a Tree Lady present to them. She was extremely professional and brought in many different natural materials from the forest along with products that were created using part of the forest. The Tree Lady discussed some of the science that goes along with trees. Students learned about the different types of needles, cones, leaves, and seeds that specific trees have. It was an amazing hands-on experience for my students that they still talk about.

This year, even with Covid-19, Talk About Trees is still wanting to encourage appreciation for trees. The Tree Lady that presented to my class last year has offered to do a virtual presentation for students. The dedication of this group is fantastic. Students need someone to facilitate their understanding of why we need the forest and what they can do to help protect it.