



# Arbor Day Bookmark

## Grade: K-2



**Purpose:** Students will create a bookmark to celebrate Arbor Day.

**Background:** In 1970, Arbor Day was officially recognized nationwide thanks to President Richard Nixon. Arbor in Latin means “tree”. This day is a celebration of planting, caring for, and preserving trees. In the United States, it is celebrated on the last Friday in April.

**Florida Forestry Facts:** (2017 Statistics):

- Florida’s forest industry contributes \$25 billion to the state’s economy.
- Florida’s forest industry helps provide more than 124,000 jobs.
- 17 million acres of forestland cover almost half of Florida’s total land area.
- Almost 2/3 of the forestland is privately owned.
- Ten counties are economically dependent on the forest industry.
- Additional information:
  - <https://www.flforestry.org/resources/2017-economic-impact-study/>
  - <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/the-history-of-arbor-day>

**Materials per student:** strip of cardstock paper: 5½” x 8½”, pencil, crayons or colored pencils, optional: use stickers - apples, oranges, acorns, flowers, leaves, etc.

**Activity:**

1. Observe trees in nature.
2. Pass out materials to each student.
3. Students place their hand, wrist, and part of their arm on the cardstock, so it covers most of the paper. Trace with a pencil. This represents the tree trunk and branches.
4. Color the tree trunk and branches brown.
5. Use crayons, colored pencils, or stickers to decorate the tree with native leaves, fruits, or flowers.
6. Write “Arbor Day” and the year on the bookmark.



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