

Look What's **Growing** on with the Linden!

A tree activity for the Saplings
(Children ages 8-11)

Did you know?

- ✓ The diameter of the Linden's trunk can reach five to nine feet.
- ✓ The Linden tree can grow up to 50 feet in height and provide up to 40 feet of shade.
- ✓ The Linden tree is deciduous.
- ✓ The Linden tree bears yellowish fragrant flowers that bloom for about two weeks and are sometimes later used in herbal teas.

Activity: Use descriptive words to create a magnificent kind of tree poem.

Materials:

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Crayons



Procedure:

- 1.) Step back and take a good look at the tree.
What are some of its characteristics?
What makes it different from the trees around it?

- 2.) On a sheet of blank paper, draw your interpretation of the tree with a pencil or a black marker. Be sure to fill the whole page!

- 3.) On a separate sheet of paper, brainstorm a list of descriptive words about each part of the tree. For example, create a list of words describing the leaves, the trunk or bark, the branches, etc.

- 4.) Take your completed drawing and write the descriptive words in the corresponding part of the drawing. For example, all of your words describing the bark would be written in the tree trunk in your drawing.