WHAT DO YOU USE TREES FOR?

Tree: Paper Birch
Scientific Name: Betula Papyrifera
Tree# & Location:
Age: Sapling (8-11)

To do before starting this activity: Read “Tell Me, Tree”.

Your task is to make a bark rubbing of the Paper Birch, then brainstorm and create a list of how we can use this bark in the world today.

Activity:
• Make sure you have “Tell Me, Tree” with you while doing this activity.
• Find the Paper Birch outside of the McCarthy Arts Center.
• Tape a blank sheet of paper to the bark.
• With your favorite crayon, rub the paper hard enough so you get the texture of the bark on it.
• Once you have finished, look at the book “Tell Me, Tree” and find what you can about the uses of trees.
• Brainstorm 5 uses for the Paper Birch tree. These uses can be from the book or ones you thought of on your own.
• List these 5 uses on your lined paper.

Materials:
• “Tell Me, Tree” by Gail Gibbons
• Crayons
• Blank and Lined Paper
• Tape
• Pencil

Approximate Time: 20 Minutes

HEY! DID YOU KNOW:
In the old days, the Native Americans used the bark of the Paper Birch to make baskets, storage containers, mats, baby carriers and canoes?

Info from:
http://www.rook.org/earl/bwca/nature/trees/betulapap.html