Basswood Tree

Seedling activity

Leaf identification

Did you know that Basswood is widely used for woodcarving?

Iroquois Indians made rope from the bark by soaking it in water for several days; it was then twisted into the desired form.

Materials:

- Basswood leaf
- Poster board or sturdy white paper
- Glue
- Markers
- Ruler
- **Tell Me, Tree** by Gail Gibbons

Procedure:

- Read the book **Tell Me, Tree.**
- Collect a leaf that has no holes.
- Cut a piece of poster board that is about 6 inches by 6 inches.
- Glue the leaf on the one side.
- Make five lines with ruler on the back.
- On the first line, write the name of the tree.
- On the second line, write the characteristics of the tree. (color of tree, shape of leaves, flowers, seeds, and twigs)
- On the third line, write the location of the tree.
- On the fourth line, write the date the leaf was collected.
- On the fifth, line your name and date.
- After the glue dries, have your identification laminated.

Now when you go for walks you can use your identification card to identify a Basswood Tree. You can make identification cards for other trees, too.