

Christmas Tree Farm Mini-Lesson

*A lesson from the New Jersey Agricultural Society
Learning Through Gardening Program*

Overview: In this mini-lesson, the teacher reads aloud Ann Purcell's book Christmas Tree Farm, in which Grandpa and the young narrator work all year on the farm in order to sell their Christmas trees at year's end. The book offers a behind-the-scenes look at what must be done for the trees in each season so they will grow into shapely Christmas trees.

Grades: 1-3

Objective:

Social Studies: The students will be able to describe the process involved in growing Christmas trees.

Materials

The book Christmas Tree Farm by Ann Purcell

Procedure:

The teacher reads the book aloud, stopping to highlight the tasks that must be done in each season to ensure that the family has Christmas trees to sell. After finishing the book, the teacher leads a discussion asking the class to list in order from spring to winter the process of growing Christmas trees.

Evaluation:

Student lists some tasks required in growing Christmas trees.

- *In the back of the book, there are Christmas tree legends, facts about growing Christmas trees, and a Christmas tree timeline highlighting the history of Christmas trees.*

