This week your child is reading *The Ever-Living Tree*, a nonfiction selection about a coast redwood and the historic events that occurred during the tree’s long life.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Take turns naming things that you might see while walking through a forest. Try to use some of these words in your discussion.

- dense
- evaporate
- moisture
- shallow

**Our Special Tree**  Think about a tree in your yard, neighborhood, or local park that you both especially like. What is special about the tree? Help your child take a photo, draw a picture, or create another work of art to depict the tree. Then work together to write a caption that tells why the tree is so special.

Help your child use books or websites to find out information about that kind of tree. Then work together to make a diagram showing information you learned about it, such as its parts or its life cycle.

**Timeline of Your Life**  Help your child search the Internet for events that happened during each year of your child’s life. Did his or her favorite team win the Super Bowl? Which president was elected? What vacation did your family go on? Then work together to display each of these events in a timeline of your child’s life.
**Categories Chart**  Complete the puzzle with your child by deciding on words that begin with each letter of FOREST and fit each category listed at the left. Some items have been done for you.

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**Word Jumbles**  Take turns playing a game. Begin by thinking of a word related to trees, such as trunk or canopy. Write the word but scramble the letters. Challenge your child to figure out the word. Then it’s your turn to figure out a word chosen by your child.

**Tip!**  Encourage your child to check the correct spelling in a dictionary and to be sure all letters have been included.

**Book Links**
- *I Wonder Why Pine Trees Have Needles and Other Questions About Forests*, by Jackie Gaff
- *Summer of Fire: Yellowstone 1988*, by Patricia Lauber  **CHALLENGE**

**Internet Challenge**  Together, use the Internet to learn about threats to trees in your area, such as insect pests. Learn about things you can do to help these trees survive.