

I support the Oregon forest resources institute and Oregon Forest resource institute fund. The Talk about Trees program has been a part of my classroom now for 13 years. It focuses on many of our Oregon State science standards. The hands on activities are amazing- she brings pinecones, leaves, pine needs and other items from nature in big bins for them to touch and play with. The students learn about the different types of trees native to our area, pinecones and pine needles. Our facilitator Paula focuses on Tree Classification / Identification, Photosynthesis, Benefits of Trees, Renewability / Reforestation, and Tree Growth / Structure of a Tree. She does movement with them and even dresses a child up like a tree to talk about all the different parts of the tree. She has puppets and engaging stories. It is a huge benefit and we look forward to it every year at the Sutherlin school. The children remember the tree talk day for years to come. Please keep the funding for this program available.