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Background

Conservation of nature can be implanted in the mind at any age. But it is very easy to change the attitude of a five-year-old than a fifty-year-old. Most children around the world involve in nature conservation. In Sri Lanka, children enthusiastically involve in mangrove restoration projects all around the country. This book is a tribute to all those little children who involve in nature conservation and to encourage future participation. Mangrove ecosystems can be used as a perfect example to explain the importance of environment conservation and management.

Before Reading

Prereading Focus Questions

Before introducing the book to students, you may wish to develop background, tap prior knowledge, and promote anticipation with questions such as the following:

1. Have you ever planted a tree?

2. How to plant a tree?

3. What did you do to care for the tree after it was planted?

Exploring the Book

Divide the Chalkboard into two. Draw a normal tree on one side and a mangrove tree on the other side. Tell students the importance of mangrove trees. And discuss the general benefits of trees. Let students look at the illustration on the first page. Discuss what they notice about the illustration. Ask them what they predict the story will be about. Flip through the book slowly while reading the story.

Setting a Purpose for Reading

Have students read to:

Find out about the uses of mangroves

To know about biodiversity related to mangroves

After Reading

Discussion Questions

After students have read the book, generate discussion about planting trees, recheck whether they understood the content of the story. Encourage students to refer back to the text and illustrations in the book to support their responses. Generate questions about how they will conserve nature.

Encourage them to plant one tree each year 😊