

## A Review of the Tree Identification Afternoon

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I really enjoyed our tree identification day. First, miss Shannon gave a presentation about creature relationships. We talked about relationships where the two organisms involved both got something out of the relationship (Mutualistic), relationships where only one gets something out of it (Commensal), and relationships where one gets something out of it and the other is negatively effected (parasitic). Then we did a small test to illustrate these relationships. After that, we talked a bit about classifications. We learned about how to trace things all the way from their kingdom down to their species. After that we pretended to be parts of a tree and learned what each part does.

After that, we learned about how to identify trees by their bark, flowers, leaves etc. We also learned how to use the What Tree is That? booklet, which brings you to the right tree by a series of questions and answers. Then we went outside and identified some trees. I had a really good time.

### **The Phylogenetic-Based Classification System**

**Domain**

**Kingdom**

**Phylum or Division**

Subphylum or Subdivision

**Class**

Subclass

**Order**

Suborder

**Family**

Subfamily

**Genus**

**Species**