

Extending your learning at home:

Three things to read:

- Your Planet Needs You! A kid's guide to going green by Dave Reay.
- Travels of Thelonious by Susan Schade.
- Under The Weather: Stories About Climate Change by Tony Bradman.

Three things to watch:

- WALL-E (2008)
- David Attenborough Our Planet (2019)
- BBC: 7 Worlds 1 Planet (2019)

Three things to do:

- Visit The Thinktank in Birmingham!
- Visit Brockswood Animal Sanctuary!
- Choose an activity from the following website:
<https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/environmental-awareness-for-kids/>
- Non-required Work
- Suggested Reading
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- Below is a list of optional reading. Each text explores the relationship between people and the natural environment.
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- **The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss.** "This book for all ages uses the geographic perspective to talk about global systems, interconnectedness, economy, and the environment."
—Mary Crooks, illustrator
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- **Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McCloskey.** "One of the most beautiful picture books ever published tells the story of how nature finds its way—with a little help from friendly policemen—even in the big, busy city of Boston."
—Caryl-Sue, senior writer/editor
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- **My Side of the Mountain, by Jean Craighead George.** "This coming-of-age story uses a boy's daily journal to show his experiences living alone in the wilderness. His survival adventures and descriptions of the natural world are an inspiring display of youth, competence, and independence."
—Julie Brown, ocean education specialist
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- **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, by William Kamkwamba.** "Growing up amid famine and poverty in rural Malawi, 14-year old William Kamkwamba realizes that there is one resource that is constantly available—wind. The book chronicles William's self-taught attempts to make a windmill from salvage-yard finds. The book also shows William working to improve life for his family and village, surviving starvation, and enduring attacks from enemies and the teasing of his peers for his strange ideas. An inspiring look at the human spirit and a fascinating account of overcoming a difficult life in a famine-stricken nation."
—Kim Hulse, director (geography education programs)
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- **A Sand County Almanac, by Aldo Leopold.** "A short, nonfiction book of essays and field notes about Leopold's natural observations around his homeland in Sauk County, Wisconsin. Leopold is

an advocate for 'land ethics' and building strong and responsible relationships between people and their natural environment. Leopold's idea is that land is not a commodity to be possessed; rather, humans must have mutual respect for Earth in order to not destroy it."

- —Heather Hoelting, intern, education programs
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- ***Indian Creek Chronicles: A Winter Alone in the Wilderness, by Pete Fromm.*** "Thrust forward in life helter-skelter, Fromm recounts how he left college in his junior year at the University of Montana to work for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Fromm leaves on a romantic whim, perusing the mountain man lifestyles of Jedediah Smith and Jim Bridger for the seven months that he watched over a remote salmon hatchery in the Idaho wilderness. His official duties taking just minutes a day to complete, Fromm delves into hunting, trapping, and embracing the isolation and stark beauty of his time in the Idaho winter."
- —Zach Michel, contractor (oceans)
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- ***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle, by Barbara Kingsolver.*** "This book chronicles the year that Barbara Kingsolver, along with her husband and two daughters, made a commitment to become locavores—those who eat only locally grown foods. A lighthearted read written by three of the four family members who are passionate about their mission but don't take themselves too seriously, this is a great book for anybody who is interested in how their personal choices affect the world around them, budding environmentalists—or just anybody who likes to eat, because the recipes are also fantastic."
- —Justine Kendall, partnerships and communications coordinator
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- ***Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs, and Wear Cows: An Introduction to Carnism, the Belief System That Enables Us to Eat Some Animals and Not Others, by Melanie Joy.*** "Remember the moment in the movie Babe, where the cat purrs malevolently at our porcine hero, 'Sometimes animals that seem to have no purpose really do have a purpose'? This book puts a name to The Way Things Are and what you can do to reject the status quo. With the book not much longer than the title, it's all the more reason to pick it up. Thoughtful, informative, life-changing."
- —Mary Schons, reporter