

Before the first reading of *"Our Cherry Tree"* have the students/child look at the front cover and the title of the book and think about what might happen in the book.

Encourage them to ask questions starting with

"I wonder why..."

"I wonder how..."

"I wonder if..." and jot these questions down.

Read the book and then look back at the list of questions. Then discuss with your student/child whether each question was answered in the book or whether the answers were just figured out after the story was read.

Discussion Starters after they read the book:

Why do you think.....

Describe.....

Would you explain.....

Where did you.....

Where do you.....

How many.....

What are.....

How do you feel.....

What was your reaction.....

How would you.....

How come.....

Suggestions for Responses in Literature Logs:

You may respond in any way you wish. These are just some suggestions in case you are stuck. Keep this list handy so you may refer to it whenever you wish.

- I can't really understand ...
- I realized ...
- If I were _____ in this chapter/ story, I would/ wouldn't have ...
- I was surprised...
- I know the feeling ...
- I like/didn't like the way...
- I began to think of...
- One thing I noticed about the author's style is...
- The action is very realistic/unrealistic because ...
- The character's actions reminded me of when...
- This story does/does not- interest me because...
- I really admire _____ in this story because...
- The setting reminds me of...
- The line" " made me think of ...
- The character of _____reminds me of myself when ...
- The character of seems to be a stereotype because...
The character of _____ remind me of _____ because...

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

As you read the book, "*Our Cherry Tree*", answer the questions below.

Why did the family buy a cherry tree?

Who picked out the cherry tree?

Why was that particular tree chosen?

When the cherry tree was brought home how did the family decide where to plant the cherry tree?

Why do you think the cherry tree talked only to the little boy?

What month does the cherry tree have blossoms?

What month does the green buds sprout?

What month does the red cherries grow?

Who pitted the cherries?

Who made the pie dough?

Why did the leaves turn yellow on the cherry tree?

Why did the daddy have to move the cherry tree?

How many bedrooms did the daddy add to the house?

After the two bedrooms were added why did the house get too small again?

What kind of yard did the mommy and daddy want for their new house?

Why couldn't the mommy and daddy move the cherry tree with them to the new house?

What did the cherry tree do when he heard the mommy and daddy talking about moving to the new house?

What was the last message that the cherry tree gave to the family after Thanksgiving dinner?

Each of the boys got a piece of the cherry tree to take to their own homes. Tell what each of the boys are going to do with their piece of the cherry tree.

First little boy: _____

Second boy: _____

Third boy: _____

Fourth boy: _____

What did the mommy, daddy and the little boy and his brothers think about at the end of the story?

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

"Our Cherry Tree" Review

Write a book review of what you thought about the book below. Write it in a way that you are telling it to someone else.

1. Introduce the subject of the book.

2. Tell about the book, but don't give away the ending!

3. Tell about your favorite part of the book.

4. Give a recommendation (for example, If you like _____ you will love this book, **or** I recommend this book to anyone who likes _____. (fill in the blanks with your describing something)

5. Write an ending sentence for your review (for example how much you enjoyed the book, what you learned from the book, or what feeling did the book leave in your heart or mind).

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Draw a picture of what you think the cherry tree looks like as it grows up.

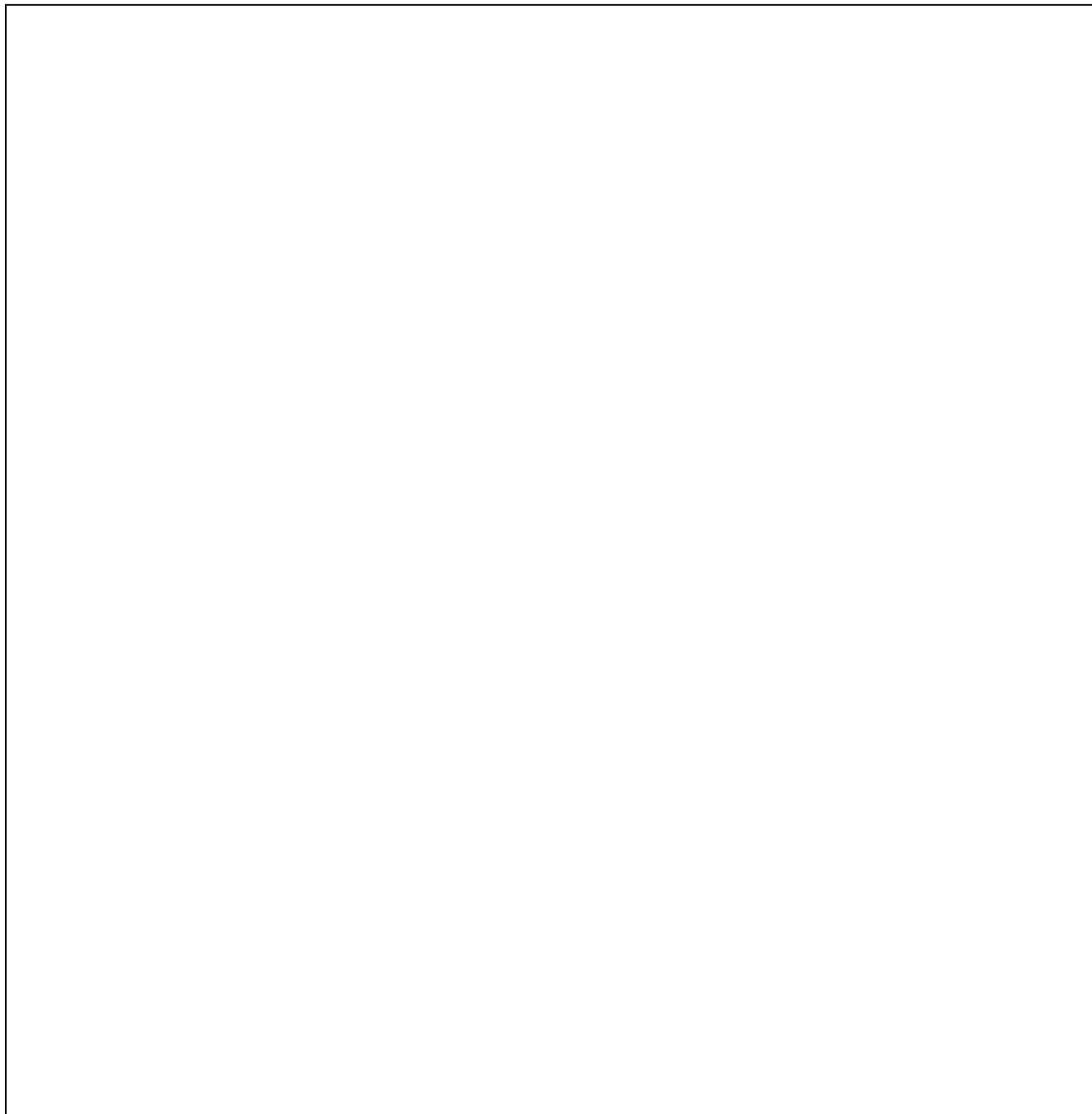
Draw the cherry tree as it was brought home for the first time and planted.

Draw the cherry tree with the first blossoms on it.

Draw the cherry tree when it has green buds on it.

Draw the cherry tree full of cherries.

Draw something you would make out of the cherry tree if you were given parts of it to take to your home.



Why did you choose this to make? What are you going to do with it?

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

"OUR CHERRY TREE" Fill in the Blank

These sentences are from the book but a word or a couple words are missing in the sentence.

See if you can find the word or words that goes into blank to complete the sentence.

1. It has long been believed by _____ that if you talk to your plants, they will respond.

2. Let's plant one in our _____.

3. Yes, they said. It is _____.

4. A cherry tree needs plenty of _____.

5. The little boy _____ and stood in a sunny place near his bedroom window.

6. And it tasted _____ good.

7. Winter is coming. It will nap until _____.

8. Like our boys, the cherry tree is _____.

9. Then the daddy added two _____ to the house.

10. So the mommy and daddy _____ all through the countryside.

11. It's _____ is large and it's _____ are deep.

12. Just then the sky grew dark. _____. Lightening struck.

13. All _____ listened as the leaves rustled.

14. This is a _____ from our cherry tree.

15. We will plant it in a sunny place near the _____.

Vocabulary list for "*Our Cherry Tree*" by Robert A. Lytle

1. bloom _____

2. burst _____

3. countryside _____

4. cradle _____

5. droop _____

6. gift _____

7. grow _____

8. howl _____

9. limb _____

10. nursery _____

11. pitted _____

12. plant _____

13. plump _____

14. romp _____

15. roots _____

16. rustle _____

17. shudder _____

18. snapped_____

19. spigot_____

20. transplant_____

21. trunk_____

22. wheelbarrow_____

23. wilted_____



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"Our Cherry Tree" Word Search

C Q L B Z S G W M Z N G X K S T K E Y V
C O F M T J S E M O S V L V L B R V A D
C C U O P N L I M B Z T N Y L C J W E E
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BLOOM
CRADLE
GROW
NURSERY
PLUMP
RUSTLE
SPIGOT
WHEELBARROW

BURST
DROOP
HOWL
PITTED
ROMP
SHUDDER
TRANSPLANT
WILTED

COUNTRYSIDE
GIFT
LIMB
PLANT
ROOTS
SNAPPED
TRUNK

Solution

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(Over, Down, Direction)

BLOOM (12, 11, S)
BURST (5, 6, SW)
COUNTRYSIDE (1, 1, SE)
CRADLE (1, 3, SE)
DROOP (18, 5, S)
GIFT (8, 5, SE)
GROW (12, 8, N)
HOWL (4, 10, NW)
LIMB (7, 3, E)
NURSERY (4, 15, NE)
PITTED (15, 7, NE)
PLANT (17, 9, W)
PLUMP (20, 13, N)
ROMP (1, 9, SE)
ROOTS (2, 5, NE)
RUSTLE (20, 8, N)
SHUDDER (11, 10, NE)
SNAPPED (7, 2, SW)
SPIGOT (19, 9, N)
TRANSPLANT (10, 14, NW)
TRUNK (3, 10, NE)
WHEELBARROW (16, 4, W)
WILTED (7, 5, SE)

"Our Cherry Tree" Scrambled Words

Unscramble each of the clue words below. Copy the letters in the **numbered** cells to cells at the bottom of the page where that has the same number to come up with a special phrase.

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