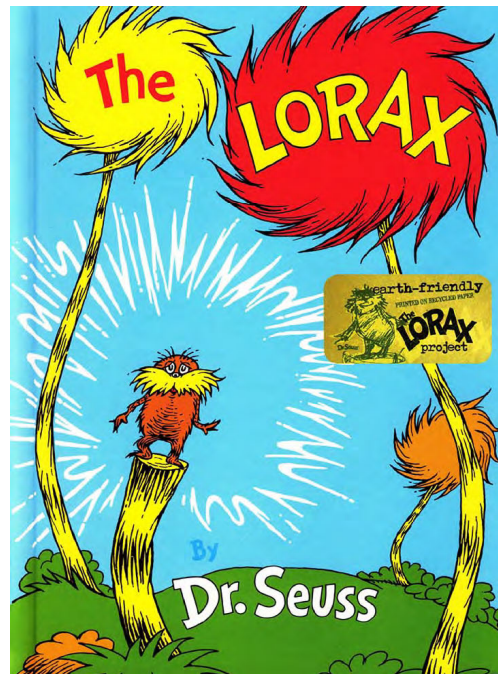


Morning Meeting Discussion – *The Lorax* June 5th 2017

On this “World Environment Day” we read Dr. Seuss’ *The Lorax* at Morning Meeting! As Kalei read with the children, she frequently paused to hear the children’s opinion & to ask questions in effort to deepen understanding & extend critical thinking: “Do you have an idea of what that word might mean?” “What do you think could happen if the Once-ler does that?” “What do you think of that choice?” The reading provoked a thoughtful conversation about the environment, pollution, selfishness, greed, & consequences.



Kalei: What will happen if all the trees are cut down?

Violet: There will be no shade!

Kahlan: There’s not any life. No decoration!

Lila: If they take down all the trees down the city will get yucky.

Kalei: How do you think this Swomee-Swan bird is feeling?

Everyone: Sad!

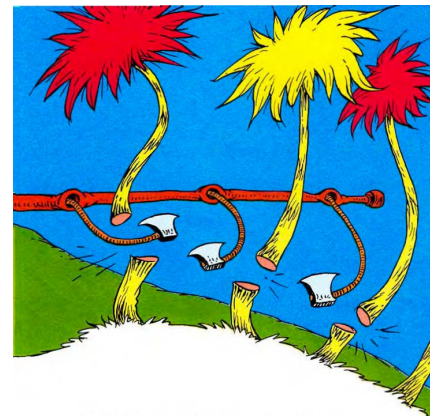
Landon: They’ll have to fly somewhere else!

Colin: There’s no place for the birds to sit!

Felix: Why does it [the sky] get so dark?

Kahlan: Because it’s smoke! If it’s so much smoke you’ll have to find a new place to live.

Violet: They [the fish] can’t walk away they don’t have legs because they need water to swim - they can only swim in clear water. They need to try to jump but they can’t! Maybe they’ll die in the muddy water.



So I quickly invented my Super-Axe-Hacker
which whacked off four Truffula Trees at one smacker.
We were making Thneeds
four times as fast as before!
And that Lorax?...
He didn’t show up any more.

