

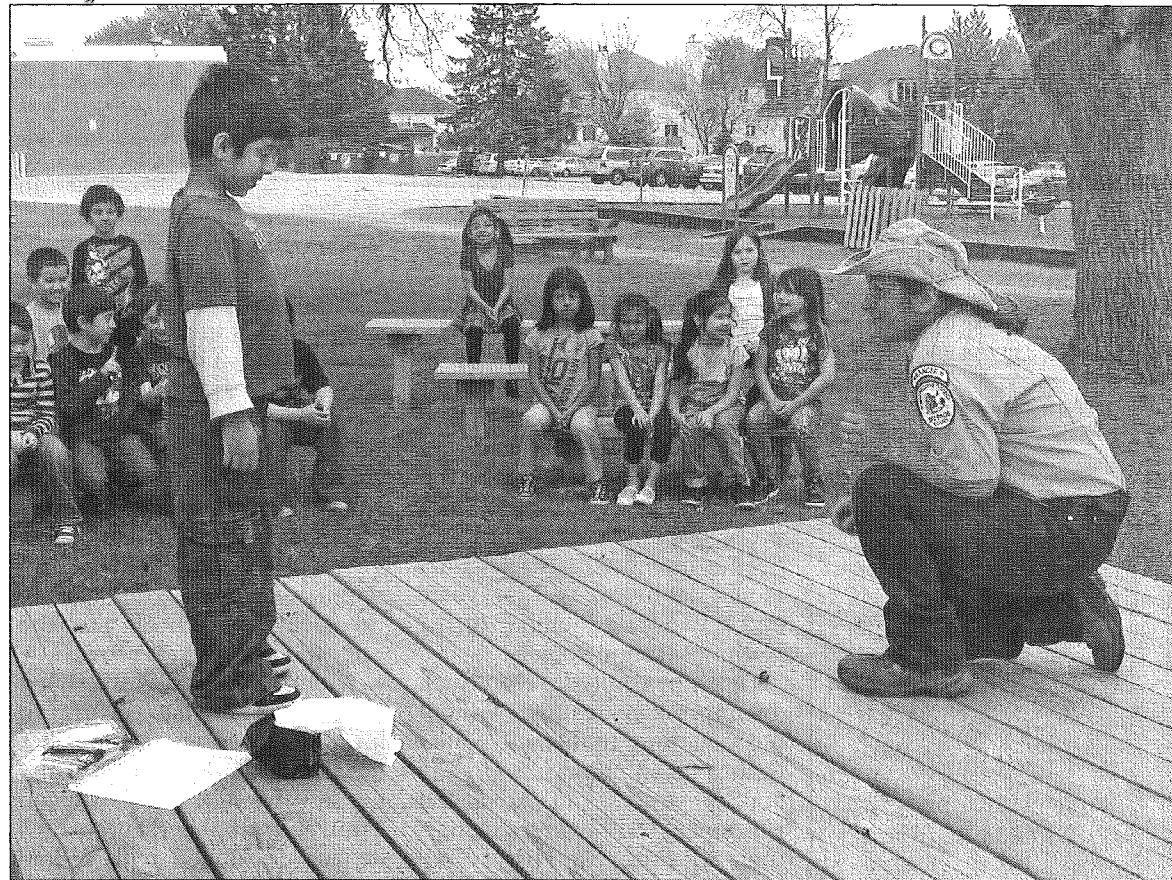
Ardmore first grade learns 'Life of a Log'

The first graders in Kevin Bigenwald's class at Ardmore School enjoyed a visit from DuPage County Forest Preserve Senior Ranger Cori Chambers last week. Chambers presented a program "The Life of a Log" which she designed to help connect kids with the natural world. The program began with a nature talk and a PowerPoint story of the life

cycle of a tree—as it goes from acorn, to sapling, to mature tree, to aging tree, to a fallen log, and back into the earth, all the while being visited by so many visitors that depend on it. Students then moved outdoors where they acted out the story with students playing various parts—including the tree, wind, sun, rain, woodpeckers.



Students had the opportunity to examine a fallen log and containers of soil with magnifying glasses, to find any worms and insects that might be living there.



Ranger Chambers with a student who will act out the part of the tree.

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