

**These books are the focus of the multiple intelligence projects. Each student will focus on one book a week. During that week's time they will read the book and complete a project. The reading groups are randomly chosen. I usually allow students the first week to pick the book they are most interested in. Their choices create the reading groups for the three-week unit. Books are rotated through reading groups.**

**I always begin each unit with one or two important questions. These questions relate to all that we do in our unit and help guide the reading and learning. I come back to these questions each day before the children go off on their own for reading and researching.**

**Essential Questions:**

What are gifts from the Rainforest?

How can you make the world a more beautiful place?

**Books:**

**At Home in the Rainforest**

By Diane Willow

Charlesbridge Publishing

Amazon.com price: \$6.75

This book introduces children to over thirty-five different animals and gives a few facts about each animal.

**The Forest in the Clouds**

By Sneed B. Collard

Charlesbridge Publishing

Amazon.com price \$7.95

This book also introduces students to animals in the rainforest as well as the layers of the rainforest.

**Where the Forest Meets the Sea**

By Jennie Baker

Greenwillow Books

1350 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10019

Amazon.com price \$13.35

This is a story about the rainforests in Australia. The illustrations and simple text help to show how the rainforests are disappearing.