

### Grade 3: Dance, Drama and Critical Literacy

#### Letter from the Trees

*Dear Grade 3 Students,*

*We are writing you because we require your immediate help. We are being cut down by the thousands, and not enough of us are being replanted. Because of this, we are disappearing quickly and quietly. Animals have nowhere to make their homes and not enough nuts to eat. Birds can't make their nests in trees so many of their eggs are being eaten by animals. Soil is eroding at an alarming rate because there are not enough of us to hold down the earth. The air we all breathe is increasingly polluted because with fewer of us, there is less oxygen in the atmosphere.*

*We can be quiet no longer! We have come to you because we know that you care and that you can help. You have always cared for us and we consider you to be important friends.*

*We are pleading that you stop using all products made from us. We ask that you start in your classroom by removing all products made from us. We want you to see how important we are to you. We challenge you to find alternative ways of living your lives that don't use us!! Otherwise, there will be none of us left.*

*As others thoughtlessly cut us down, we come to you as our last hope. Without your help, there will be none of us left standing for your children. There will not have another apple, another house made from us, another piece of paper or book made from us, another desk or chair. Are you ready to help? The lives and future of all of us lies in your hands. We thank you dear friends for your help.*

*Sincerely, Sadly and Sickly,*

*The Trees*