Sending Each student home with a seedling

What you'll need:

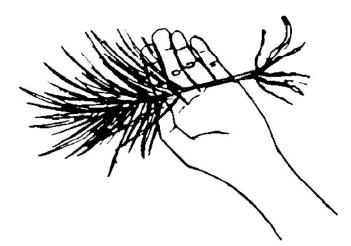
- **▲**Newspaper
- Spray Bottle
- Sandwich bags
- Rubber bands



Open up the seedling bundle. Carefully wrap the roots of each seedling in a piece of newspaper moistened with the spray bottle. Place a plastic sandwich bag over the bottom. Secure with a rubber band. Give each student the "How to plant a tree seedling" instructions. Explain how it is important to plant their tree as soon as they get home.

Plant Trees Keep New Jersey Healthy Green and Growing

Care for your Third Grade Trees



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REMINDER:

Keep seedling packets cool 32-45°F

Do not store them in a hot trunk or in the sun

Keep the seedlings moist

Plant as soon as possible!

How to Plant a Tree Seedling

1. LOOK for a good location for your tree. Remember its adult size.



2. MOISTEN ROOTS Dry roots die.





3. DIG a hole two to three times larger than the roots when spread apart. 4. PLACE the tree in the hole at the proper depth and add loose soil gently.





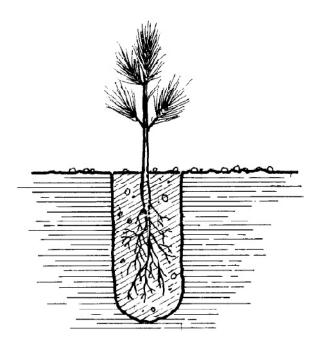
5. ADD more soil and pack down with hands. Use water to firm the soil if necessary.

6. MULCH around the tree with wood chips.



7. WATER the tree regularly, but not too often or roots may rot.





A properly planted tree seedling