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Students meet Hemlock Holmes: Tree Detective

Students in Mr. Ripley's Grade 2 class at Salem Elementary School looked at trees in a new way this fall. Mount Allison student Emily Hogan launched her book *Hemlock Holmes: Tree Detective*, which teaches students all about trees. It is more than just a book, as the kit contains a text book portion with beautiful and educational photos, charts and graphs. There is an insert entitled Detective Notes where students can record their observations and complete activities. There is also a wooden compartment containing detective tools including a magnifying glass, measuring tape, tree tag and even a tree 'cookie' - a slice from a branch - for students to touch and observe. The kit is bound with leather-like handles so it carries like a detective's brief case. Student's enjoyed this unique opportunity to cover the curriculum and learn about trees!

Note: This article appeared in the recently release fall 2011, District 2 Achieve magazine.