



## Save the Bengal Tigers

by Ryannen S.

To the people of the Spratley Gifted Center: Today there are fewer than 2,500 Bengal Tigers left in the wild in the world today. The poor tigers need help! If I help, will you help? Will you save them with me? We could be a great team!



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Do you know how the tigers are dying? Well, if you said *people are cutting the rainforest down*, you're right! That's why people say reduce, reuse, and recycle is the thing to do!

Ok, so the reason why I made this article is because not a lot of people care about the Bengal tigers and how they're almost dead. I love tigers, and want to see their species thrive. When you get to see them, they are gentle and kind. Please join me in the effort to save these amazing creatures. For information on how to help save these endangered creatures go to this website:

<http://gifts.worldwildlife.org/>

## Gardens

by Bera K

Welcome to the world of gardens! It's where plants, insects, and butterflies live. There are hundreds of plant species. The most popular types of plants are daisies, sunflowers, wishing flowers, cotton, roses, and oak trees. The most popular insects are spiders, monarchs, buttermilks, ants, bees, common tussocks, and painted ladies. Plants provide us food and if we didn't take care of plants, we would only eat meat. Plants are really interesting, too. They have "body parts," for example; roots, leaves, stems, and petals. The roots suck up the ground water, go through the stems to the leaves, and the leaves get energy and heat. The heat and energy from the sun go to the petals so they grow, and on some plants the petals make seeds or fruits. Plants, you see, really helps us live. That's why everybody needs to take care of plants. On other plants, they use different ways of getting their seeds around. For example, some have tufts on top that gets pushed away by the wind and rivers transport normal seeds that do not get pushed away by the wind. Plants are also a natural resources. They stop erosion and thus soil from going away. Plants are really amazing!



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## Mrs. Ferrel's Garden

by Karmina G. and Willow G.

We recently interviewed Mrs. Ferrel about her butterfly garden to learn more about gardens. The garden was created to attract monarch butterflies, but lately praying mantis and the orb spider have been around. Every lunch time, kids from almost every grade collect food for the compost near by. To water the plants, they use rain collected barrel. We learned quite a lot about her garden.



Mrs. Ferrel Photo credit: Nature W.