We wanted to connect with the Science and Language Arts SOLs being taught at the time in a memorable and meaningful way. Through discussions with students, written evaluations and discussions with the teacher’s weeks after the reading we found:

1. Students remembered the book
2. Students re-read the book
3. Students used their book bags
4. Students suggested

Results: Asked to expand the program through the summer.
- Horizons Hampton Roads
- Mile High Kids and Community Development, Inc.
- city-wide summer reading programs

Impact: Early exposure to books about and experiences in nature result in life long adults with a strong stewardship ethic.

Connect that with opportunities to give back and they are hooked for life!

"The loved the book & their bags! I have even had a student tell me about how he and his friend cleaned up trash outside while they were playing near the school the weekend after the presentation!" - Becky Atkins, teacher