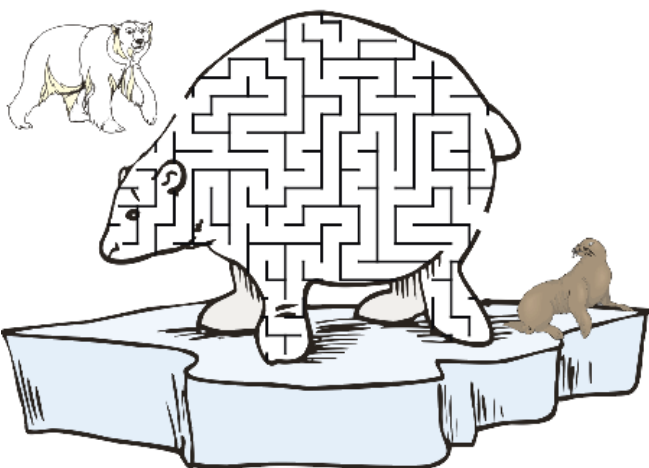


## It's Getting hotter Up here

Since Arctic ice is melting, our planet might someday drown in the water. First of all, our planet has been getting hotter in the past years. The rate of the temperature in the Arctic over the past 20 years is eight times hotter than before. The heat has affected the Arctic more than any other place in the world. Our world increased in heat by 50 degrees in less than 22 years. The melting period increased 8 degrees hotter every two weeks. Since heat is rising, the ice melts, and then the water level rises. The hotter it gets, the more ice melts. Next, the heat is also affecting the Arctic animals! This big change is also affecting polar bears. Arctic animals are now losing their prey (food). Arctic animals are having fewer cubs because of the water level rising. Seals and walrus are some of the other animals that are endangered. Eventually these animals will die. How can we help the arctic? One way we can save the earth is by using hybrid cars. Or we could use electric cars. These things make us use less oil, which is part of the reason the ice is melting. Even better, we could ride bikes, walk, and skate. Factories can also start using less oil. We could start using solar energy, water energy, and wind power. Soon the Arctic and its animals will get the help they need.

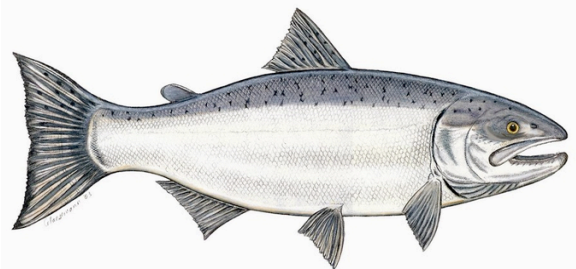
*By Bianca and Ulysses*



## A Fishy Adventure

If you don't know about salmon, here are some things about salmon. A large fish with a silver-colored body is a salmon. It's life starts like this: The female lays eggs in freshwater, the eggs become fries, and then the fries become larger and larger. When they are big enough, they go back to the ocean and then back to the ponds and rivers to mate and lay eggs. Salmon show us how healthy the water is by showing us how clean the water is and how much dirty the water is. If the salmon are living well, the water is healthy. If the salmon are having problems, something's wrong. Keep salmon populations up by not putting too much garbage in the lakes, ponds, and oceans. If all of you didn't know about salmons, you do now.

*By Cesar and Fernando*



## A holiday of Trees

Did you know most people plant trees on Arbor Day? First of all, if you don't know what Arbor Day is, it is a tree-planting holiday. It's on March 7-14 in California. J. Sterling Morton started it. He and his wife were lovers of nature. On January 4, 1872 Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of The State Board of Agriculture. We can plant trees any time and keep them healthy. Trees give us better oxygen (air) and homes for animals. We can spread the word about "The Arbor Day Foundation". Don't cut trees down when you don't need to. In conclusion, this is how "Arbor Day" got started and why we should keep it around.

*By Hannah and Mattie*