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## Wangari's Trees of Peace

To celebrate Earth Day, I want us first to recognize how beautiful and diverse our Earth is. From rainforests and tropical jungles to deserts and tundra with everything in between. I want you to think about the most beautiful place you have visited. It could be someplace far away, or somewhere just down the street. How did you feel while you were there? What did it look like? If you are in an older grade, write a description of that special place. Try to use words that will evoke feelings and help the reader to visualize your special place. If you are in a younger grade, draw a picture and try to come up with a few words that describe it.

Here is a picture of one of my favorite places and some words that describe it.



My describing words: peaceful, green, high, view, quiet, birds, nature, ocean, home, calm, exercise, family, blue, sun, togetherness, connected

## Your turn!!

Another Earth Day activity would be to think about one thing that you can do to help the Earth. All it takes is a first step. Wangari planted 8 trees in her backyard. What can your first step be? Can you plant something? Make an effort to use less water? Turn off the lights? Write a letter to your family telling them your plans and get them on board!! I'd love to read about it too, so send it to me, if you like!

Happy Earth Day and may we all do our part so that she stays beautiful forever.