Teacher Note
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Class Action
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Literature Connections--Check your local library for these books that celebrate the different ways we experience nature. Then use the guiding questions to talk as a family.

1. I Am A Bird, Hope Lim
2. The Hike, Alison Farrell
3. Where Wonder Grows, Xelena González
4. Señorita Mariposa, Ben Gundersheimer

- Guiding Questions for Families
  - How does the story make you feel?
  - Is there something you like in the story that you want to find in nature?
  - What do you like most about being in nature?
  - Parents/Guardians: When you were a kid, what did you do in nature with your family?

Family Page Activities

- Go to www.cleanearthchallenge.com and follow three easy steps to participate and help us reach our goal of keeping one million pieces of trash and debris from harming wildlife and communities.
  - Register and watch the video.
  - Together, choose a day and location to pick up trash.
  - Measure your impact using the Litterati app or provided data collection worksheet.
- Complete the family activity page together or as an additional learning opportunity for your child(ren).
1. Trash is harmful to wildlife. true false

2. Clean water is important to humans and wildlife. true false

3. Picking up trash is a waste of time. true false

4. In the United States, we use a lot of plastic water bottles. On average, how many plastic water bottles does a single person use in one year?
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5. In the United States, we also use a lot of straws. How many straws do you think we use everyday?
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6. List some of the items you found when picking up trash. Circle the type of trash you all found the most e.g. plastic, paper, metal, etc.

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   The ____________________________ family, pledges to pick up trash and recycle it or throw it away, to protect wildlife, habitat, and our community.

Answer Key: 1) true 2) true 3) false 4) 156 5) 500
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2. Ada and the Galaxies, Alan Lightman
3. Freedom Soup, Tami Charles
4. Imagine, Juan Felipe Herrera

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1. Trash is harmful to wildlife, waterways, and people.  
   true false

2. List some of the ways your family can cut back on single-use plastics, like to-go containers.

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5. Discuss and answer these questions after collecting trash.
   - Most trash collected was of what type (plastic, paper, etc.)?
   - Where do you think the trash is coming from?
   - What solutions come to mind?

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Literature Connections
1. They Call Me Güero, David Bowles
2. The Broken Earth Series, N.K. Jemisin
3. War Girls, Tochi Onyebuchi
4. The Bear, Andrew Krivak

- Guiding Questions for Social-Emotional Skill Building
  - What themes showed up for you, and what feelings do you associate with them?
  - Do you identify with or do any characters resonate with you? How so or why not?
  - When times are difficult, situations or thoughts are troublesome, how do you cope?
  - What and or who brings you joy and hope?

Teacher Note
Please provide the next page for students to take home. It is an opportunity to extend learning by participating in the Clean Earth Challenge at home with family.

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Taking Action Together

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- Share your family's impact on our social wall by tagging us: #ComeCleanForEarth