#### FOCUS ON THE FUTURE WITH THE WIZARD OF OZ by Nancy Polette © 1997 P.O. Box 455, O'Fallon, MO 63366

# 1. TOPIC TALKING

- **2. TOPIC FOCUSING**: Answer by guessing the correct number.
- A. A tornado is about \_\_\_\_\_yards across.
- B. Its winds blow at \_\_\_\_ miles per hour.C. The average tornado sweeps a path \_\_\_\_ miles long at a speed of \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ miles per hour.
- D. How much time does it take to complete its destruction in any one place?\_\_ minutes.
- **3. CREATIVE WRITING:** Using metaphors to describe the dusty gray funnel. Looks like? What does it do that a person does? Where?

### 4.VOCABULARY

prairie whirlwind amazement luscious sorceress Munchkins hesitate bondage civilized journey curious danger tedious witch dismal earnest confidential patient oblige reproach enchanted inconvenientanxious astonished motionless dangerous misfortune awkward enable industrious monstrous discouraged fragrance reflection spectacles aroused clumsy Scarecrow cruelty Dorothy destroy weapons companions prosperous Sentence structure: Use all the words in one column moose/deer in one sentence to describe Dorothy's arrival inOz.

# 5. PRE READING JOURNAL

Choose one and write for five minutes. Share orally with a small group.

- A. In a civilized country people....
- B. A lighted match can cause trouble when....

# 6. DOROTHY THE IMMIGRANT

One who arrives in a new land to live is called an immigrant. A rich mix of people in any nation results in creativity and change.

Choose two famous immigrants and compare them using this pattern:

If I were (name)

I would (accomplishment)

And I'd (more information

But I wouldn't (accomplishment of 2nd person) Because (name) did that.

### 7. THE ROAD THROUGH THE FOREST

Trees protect the forest by picking up intruders in their branches and tossing them back on the road. It takes 75,000 trees to produce one Sunday edition of the New York Times.

Brainstorm: In two minutes, how many ways can you list to save paper?

Forecast what will happen if we lose all of the forests in North America.

#### 8. THE TIN WOODMAN WANTS A HEART

In 1900 when Baum wrote this story, there were no heart transplants. In the future it is predicted:

- A. Replacement organs will be grown from a patient's own cells.
- B. Wires from a TV camera to a blind person's brain will allow the person to see.
- C. Most people will live to age 150.
- D. Artificial ears that work will be common.

# **9. PROVERBS** (Story comprehension)

Tell how the proverb is related to one of the characters in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

- A. Don't cry over spilt milk.
- B. Still waters run deep.
- C. Let sleeping dogs lie.
- D. Actions speak louder than words.
- E. Two wrongs don't make a right.

#### 10.SEARCH FOR THE WICKED WITCH

The Wicked Witch of the West sends a pack of wolves to attack the travelers but the brave band survives. WOLF DATA BANK

**EATS LIVES HAS** pointed ears packs/forests wilderness/Arctic fear of humans fox/mice caribou National Parks long tail/fur WHAT IT DOES

barks, hunts to survive, kills sick animals, shares work, talks with ears, roams.

Use the information in this pattern: If I had the \_\_\_ of a wolf, I would (3 things) but I wouldn't because killer bees do that.

# 11.THE DISCOVERY OF OZ, THE TERRIBLE

Oz is a humbug who cannot grant the friends' wishes. Use at least four of these items in a excuse the Oz might give as to why he cannot give the Tin Woodman a heart.

An old shoe a crazed rabbit vanishing cream six crows a giant fish moaning oak tree a troll blackberry pie a singing toad a red cape quicksand a collapsed bridge

**12.**Have a contest! Which team can name two things found in nature that begin with each letter of R A I N B O W? Do not include animals.

#### 13. TRUST, FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE

In a future global village, perhaps the most important qualities will be trust, friendship and love...themes of L.Frank Baum's classic. Share My Love for You by Susan Roth...is larger than one bear, taller than two giraffes....(add more animals up to ten)