



Theme: Sustainability (Grades 3-5)

Post-Visit Activity #2 Spreading the Word

Overview:

After visiting the Springs Preserve the students will be knowledgeable about ways to protect our Earth. They will use this knowledge to create a public service announcement about ways to help the environment.

Objectives:

- Students will design a public service announcement about helping the environment.
- Students will present their public service announcement to the class.

Activity:

1. As a class, recall some of the ways to help the environment that you learned about at the Springs Preserve. Write down topics on the board. Some suggestions are:
 - Recycling
 - Reducing
 - Reusing materials
 - Composting
 - Solar energy
 - Landfills
 - Alternative fuel
 - Harvesting rainwater
 - Buying locally
2. Divide students into small groups (4-5 students).
3. Each group should pick one topic from the board and create a public service announcement about that topic. Their announcement should teach their audience how to do a task (if applicable) and why it is important.
4. Have students present their public service announcements to the class.
5. Additionally, you may choose to have groups present their public service announcements to the school before an assembly or during lunch.

Suggested Reading:

1. ***Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*** by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac. Traditional Native American tales and related activities dealing with aspects of the environment.
2. ***Eco-Wolf and the Three Pigs*** by Laurence Anholt. Eco-Wolf knows it's important to give Mother Nature respect. Unlike the three big, bad pigs, and their pesky polluting plans...
3. ***Shelterwood*** by Susan Hand Shetterly. Sophie learns from her grandfather how to take care of trees in the forest.
4. ***The Lorax/El Lórax*** by Dr. Seuss. The Once-ler tells the story of the Lorax, who tried to protect the Truffula Trees.
5. ***The Wump World*** by Bill Peet. The Wumps are very frightened when the Pollutians come from space and take over their lush green planet. While the Wumps hide underground in caves, the Pollutians build great cities, but will the Wump world be destroyed forever?
6. ***The Wartville Wizard*** by Don Madden. Wartville is being buried in trash until one tidy old man realizes he has the power to get rid of all the trash forever.
7. ***Michael Recycle*** by Ellie Bethel. The town of Abberdoo-Rimey has a garbage problem, until Michael Recycle, a new kind of superhero, comes to the town with a plan.
8. ***Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug*** by Ellie Bethel. Litterbug Doug is lazy, wasteful, messy, and hates recycling. It's up to Michael Recycle to show Doug the error of his ways before it's too late.
9. ***The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore)*** by Stan and Jan Berenstain. When careless citizens pose a threat to Bear Country's environment, Brother and Sister Bear form the Earthsavers Club.
10. ***Just a Dream*** by Chris Van Allsburg. Walter is a litterbug who thinks the future is going to be filled with great inventions. Walter wishes he could visit the future and when he falls asleep one night, his wish comes true. But the future is not what he'd imagined. When Walter returns to the present, he is changed and so are his dreams.