



Theme: Sustainability (Grades K-2)

Post-Visit Activity #1

Now What?

Overview:

Once the students have completed their tour of the Springs Preserve they will understand the importance of helping our Earth.

Objectives:

- The students will practice re-using objects.
- The students will participate in their own swap meet.

Activity:

1. Send a note home to parents informing them of a Swap Day.
2. Have students bring in two items that they do not use.
3. Display the items in the room.
4. Have students select a number out of a hat. This number determines who gets to go shopping first.
5. Have each student select one item.
6. Let all of the students shop, even those that may not have brought anything in.
7. The remaining objects can be donated to a charity of the group's choice.

Conclusion:

Discuss how important it is to re-use items and that someone's trash may be another person's treasure.

Suggested Reading:

1. *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children* by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac
2. *I Can Save the Earth!* By Alison Inches. Max is a little monster who likes to litter and never, ever recycles. Then the electricity goes out and he sees how exciting and beautiful the Earth is... and that it will need his help to stay that way!
3. *It's Earth Day!* By Mercer Mayer. Little Critter decided to do his part to slow down global warming with help from his friends and family.

4. ***The Garbage Monster*** by Joni Sensel. Jo is slow to take out the family garbage one evening, so the garbage hauls her out!
5. ***The Dumpster Diver*** by Janet S. Wong. Steve delves into the trash each weekend, encouraging his young neighbors to see the potential in what other people throw away.
6. ***The Great Trash Bash*** by Loreen Leedy. Beaston seems like a perfect town until Mayor Hippo realizes it has too much trash. The residents go on a trash bash, getting rid of their trash and changing their habits.
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 Day the Trash Came Out to Play*** by David M. Beadle. When Robin throws a candy wrapper on the street, he unintentionally starts an event of landfill proportions. Can Robin fix it before everything is buried under a pile of unruly trash?
10. ***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.