Our Earth

We have to love and protect planet Earth; it is our home and it is home to many plants and animals. The earth gives us everything we need to live. What can each of us do to help our habitat thrive?

Click on a book cover below to open the read aloud in YouTube.

Literacy Activity

Take a paper plate and create your own earth. Paint blue for the water and green for the land (or you can use green construction paper for the land). While the paint is drying, cut letters out of a newspaper or magazine to spell out the words reduce, reuse, and recycle. Talk about how those three words start with the letter R,r and discuss what sound the letter R,r makes. Glue the words you have created on your earth and talk about what those words mean. Give examples of how you can help our earth by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Dramatic Play or Music Activity

Recycling For Our Earth
(Sung to: "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Hear the cans go crunch, crunch, crunch,
Crunch, crunch, crunch,
Crunch, crunch, crunch,
Hear the cans go crunch, crunch, crunch,
Recycle for our earth.
Repeat each chorus with the following:
Hear the bottle go ding, ding, ding.
Hear the paper go crinkle, crinkle, crinkle.
(Grab some recycled materials around your house and make some music.)

Math Activity

Dice Math Game

This game is a perfect and easy way to practice counting and correspondence with your child.

What you will need:
- Dice
- Marker
- Paper

Have your child roll the dice and count the dots on the die. Now have them practice writing the number that corresponds with the number of dots.

Science Activity

Why do we need trees? The simple answer is that they give us air to breathe! Trees take in carbon dioxide in our atmosphere and release oxygen back into the environment for everything living. Here’s a simple experiment you can do at home to observe how plants breathe out oxygen, also known as respiration!

- Collect 3-4 single green leaves from some plants in your yard or from a nearby park.
- Submerge them in a bowl of water in the sun and weigh them down with a rock.
- Observe in 2-3 hours; do you see air little bubbles on the surface of the leaves? That’s the green leaf giving off bubbles of oxygen when it respires.
Excited to Learn More?
Here are some additional activities you may also enjoy.

**Sing and Move Along Song**

Click on the image to sing along with Ms. Kellie.

**I Love My Earth**

Earth, Earth, I love my Earth.  
It’s a great big circle in the sky.  
Earth, Earth, I love my Earth.  
You can help it.  All we have to do is try.

It’s bigger than the moon,  
and smaller than the sun.  
The stars are right beside us.  
Count them one by one.

Earth, Earth, I love my Earth.  
It’s a great big circle in the sky.  
Earth, Earth, I love my Earth.  
You can help it.  All we have to do is try.

Trash, trash, let’s pick up our trash.  
Trees, trees, let’s plant more seeds.  
Air, air, we need clean air to share.

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**Read Aloud**

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*The Earth and I*

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**Building with Trashables**

Ms. Pat and Elizabeth show how you can use recycled materials in creative and imaginative ways.

Click on the image to see Ms. Pat’s activity.