

Reuse, Reduce and Recycle: Why is it important?

Our Earth

Earth, what is earth? Earth is our home, yet as it is home to many other organisms, such as plants and animals. Earth is so beautiful, sunny days and outdoor strolls, we of course, love it! What we just start to notice though, is that we aren't taking care of the planet. The oceans are filled with trash and oil, polluting it and hurting marine life! And I had also observed that in New Dorp lane, there is trash on the sidewalks, instead of the bins! So now, as much as we are aware of cleanliness, we should also be aware of recycling and reusing. So let's now explore the importance of recycling and reusing and how to do it...

Threats to Plants

Plants are important to us and all of Earth. The trees, for example, provide oxygen to help us breath. Bushes and some types of trees and plants provide fruits and vegetables for us to eat and be healthy. Plants also provide homes for animals, like how trees are for beehives. But logging can reduce the population of trees and plants.

People log to make things like furniture and paper. We need paper and furniture, for our houses are made of wood! But, the more paper we waste, the more people will log! But we can reduce this logging by: using paper on both sides, (if possible), don't throw a pencil out, but even if it looks small to you, it means a life that takes years to grow again to a tree. And if you go to any recycling centers, dump any unwanted old, used papers into a paper recycling bin or machine. The machine mashes paper into tiny, brand new bits of paper, and mashes it again to turn it into brand new paper. Try these tips to prevent logging!

Threat to Animals

Animals play a big part in the ecosystem. The bees pollinate flowers, so we get fruit, and also honey thanks to these little honey makers! Thanks to dispersing, and the wind, seeds fly in animal's fur, so the seeds get spread, and the population of plants expand. Animals help the Earth's ecosystem run smoothly and perfectly! But what happens when people don't think about them? Animals get hunted for their skin, meat, fur and bones. Animal homes are also being destroyed due to logging! Animals, such as the red kangaroo, are being hunted for their furs for clothing and meat for pet food! Butterflies are also getting killed just for

their wings so people can make jewelry out of them! I once saw a butterfly decoration of blue morphos-made with real dead butterflies! Sea turtles are also getting hurt because they swallow trash bags that we throw in the ocean! So because of all of this, species are becoming endangered and going extinct! But due to this, people started building animal reserves that protect endangered species! So if you ever find an injured animal, take it to a local animal reserve!

What I do to Reuse, Reduce and Recycle

There are a lot of things you can do to help our planet be the best it can be, but this is what I do...

***I make things out of my recyclables, like homemade rings, and dollhouses out of boxes.**

***I throw out my trash and I put my recyclables in the recycle bin.**

***I read about conservation to learn how to recycle.**

***I watch cartoon network videos that teach how to make things, like boats, out of recyclables.**

Now your Turn!

If you want to help make Earth a beautiful place, recycle things, like paper, candy wrappers, cardboard boxes, napkins, or anything recyclable! If you draw a picture, try using the other side, and repurpose things! If you want to learn to make crafts out of recyclable materials, watch a cartoon network video based on the CN cartoon, “Craig of the creek.” or watch the ad on the CN channel. Another way to make Earth a beautiful place is by picking up trash in your local neighborhood. Or if your local beach is polluted, volunteer to help clean it up. To help the organisms on Earth, this Earth Day, try planting some trees with family and friends to raise the population of trees, or if you find an injured animal, take it to a local reserve or vet. And, the most important thing for us humans is the way we treat each other! If we are kind and fair to each other, then there is no doubt that we will be kind to our Earth! Everything starts from ourselves. When we fix ourselves, we fix our home, EARTH!

Let's show the planet some love this Earth Day- and everyday!

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