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Thank you for taking the time to read my essay. I am 11 years old in fifth grade and from Hermon Dekalb Central School. I think creating plastic sculptures out of old recycled materials would be a good idea! There are so many ways to create sculptures. Have you ever thought about how you could make plastic robotics or plain old sculptures. Why I wanted to do plastic creations is because I would love to see plastics sculptures in museums years from now. I think the process would be cool to see especially with all of the different ways people make plastic into unique fun things.

A new world wildlife fund report estimates U.S. school food waste totals 530,000 tons per year and costs as much as \$9.7 million a day to manage, which breaks down to about 39.2 pounds of food waste and 19.4 gallons of milk thrown out per school per year. This can affect the environment because the animals could get a hold of it. And if the animals get a hold of it I can get stuck in their throat, it can also get raptd arond their neck. Based on the results from the 46-school sample across nine cities.

What we could do with all the food waste is like what my school, Hermon Dekalb does by getting a decomposer. If the other schools in New York State can get a composter to break down all the leftovers, and use that soil to make a substance that plants need for growth. This would really help lower waste costs to all schools in the state. With all the plastic the schools can make a room for plastic sculptures. The towns can also make a museum for the plastic sculptures. What I think that I would do is take the trash and make sculptures and put them into a museum for them. Maybe take some of the trash and reuse it to make cups or maybe plates. Last but not least maybe you could take all the bottles and maybe make a raft. Doing all these things can benefit the environment. This would also benefit animals, plants, and humans. Please consider helping to write bills that protect our planet.

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