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Lesson Plan: Remember to Recycle: All About Earth Day

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Materials and Preparation

- [Reading Rainbow: How Trash Is Recycled](#) by Reading Rainbow
- *Why Should I Recycle?* by Jen Green and Mike Gordon
- Empty water bottles (1 per student)
- Recycled newspaper (a few sheets per student)
- Googly eyes (2 per student)
- Feathers (3 per student)
- Don't Litter worksheet
- Various recyclable items
- Recycling bin
- Glue

Related Books and/or Media

- **BOOK:** *Don't Throw That Away!* by Lara Bergen

Learning Objectives

Students will be able to understand the importance of recycling and gain fine motor strength through an activity.

Introduction (10 minutes)

- Ask students if they know what it means to recycle.
- Play the video [Reading Rainbow: How Trash Is Recycled](#).
- Ask students if they have ever seen a garbage disposal area. If any say yes, ask them what they thought of it and if they can share their experience with the class.

Explicit Instruction/Teacher Modeling (15 minutes)

- Explain to students the importance of recycling.
- Read students the book *Why Should I Recycle?*
- Show students where the recycling bin is in the classroom.
- Show students various items, some of which get recycled, and some of which don't. Call students up and help them decide which are recyclable and which are garbage.



Guided Practice/Interactive Modeling (5 minutes)

- Explain to students that you will be creating an Earth Day Reminder Buddy.
- Each student will receive an empty recycled water bottle and various pieces of newspaper. They must shred the newspaper and use their fingers to stuff the water bottle until it is filled with recycled newspaper.
- When the water bottle is full, students will place two googly eyes on each water bottle and stuff feathers out of the stop.
- Students will then attach a paper that says "Earth Day Reminder Buddy: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!"
- Tell students that they should display this in their homes to remind everyone to always recycle.

Independent Working Time (15 minutes)

- Students will then work to complete their Earth Day Reminder Buddy independently.

Differentiation

- **Enrichment:** Have students in need of enrichment help other students shred and stuff the newspaper.
- **Support:** Have struggling students watch the video [Peppa Pig: Recycling](#) for clarification.

Assessment (5 minutes)

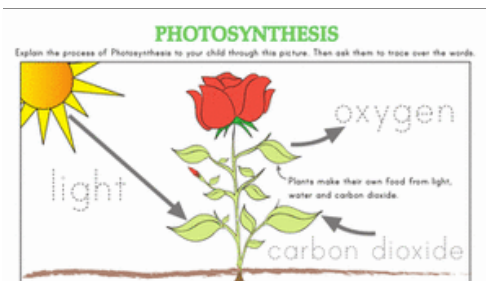
- Ask students to name one item that needs to be recycled.

Review and Closing (10 minutes)

- Have students color the Don't Litter worksheet.

Related Learning Resources

worksheet
How Plants Grow



workbook
Tracing Practice for Preschool



workbook
Now I Know My ABCs

