

the Earth Rocks!

An In-Class Recycling Education Program for Early Elementary Students

the Earth Rocks! is an in-class recycling education program for early elementary students (kindergarten through third grade) that is taught by the Sarpy/Cass Health Department. It teaches mathematics, science, reading, matching, problem solving, cutting, gluing, and painting.

The program includes:

Short Lecture: what is waste and recycling, what items are recyclable, and why recycling is important

Story Time: reading of "The Earth Book" by Todd Parr or "I Can Save the Earth" by Alison Inches

Physical and Educational Activities: a variety of games and activities can be conducted depending on the amount of time available for the program. Some activities include:

- Recycling Bingo - a physical interpretation of the classic game
- Sorting Recycling - a cut and glue activity
- Save the Trees - a measure and record activity using your classroom recycling bin
- Water Bottle Bird Feeder
- the Earth Rocks! Paper Weight
- Grass Heads - create grass-growing heads from soil and seed

To schedule the Earth Rocks! program, contact
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