



Kid's Corner- Spring Newsletter 2022

Spring is in the air and the world around us is waking up! It is a great time to begin to show the Earth how much we love and care about it. How can we do that you wonder? We can reuse, reduce, and recycle. When we do this, we show that we value the world around us and want it to continue to thrive.

Reuse

We can “reuse” instead of throwing them away. For instance, we can donate or pass along used clothing or other objects like toys. Furthermore, we can help the environment by using reusable cups and water bottles. This reduces the amount of plastic we produce as well as garbage.

Reduce

What does it mean to reduce? When we reduce, we are simply making sure we use less. An easy way to reduce it is to use less water when you brush your teeth. Instead of leaving the faucet running, turn it on to wet your toothbrush and turn it off until you are ready to rinse. Next, remember to turn off lights and unplug unused devices. This helps to decrease the amount of electricity we use.



Recycle

Another way we can help the environment is to recycle. Recycling is when we take trash and turn them into new products. We can recycle plastic, certain metals, electronics, cardboard, and paper. Recycling helps us by creating less waste in landfills and producing less pollution.



Tin Can Bird Feeder

Supplies:

Used coffee can with plastic lid

- Can opener
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Duct tape
- Yarn
- Birdseed

Directions:

1. Clean and open your coffee can with a can opener. Cut the coffee can plastic lid in half.
2. Paint the lid halves and let them dry.
3. Decorate your can with colorful duct tape. You can make patterns by layering different colors.
4. Cut the yarn to a desired length and feed it through the can. Place the lid halves on each side (opposite of your yarn).
5. Fill the can with bird seed and hang it outside!



Egg Carton Garden

Materials:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Art supplies (paints, crayons, markers, or colored pencils)
- Seeds
- Potting soil
- Small gardening shovel or tablespoon

Instructions:

1. Using the scissors cut the cardboard egg container down the center. Separating the egg holders. from the top.
2. Decorate the outside of the egg holder side any way you would like.
3. Next fill the small containers with potting soil using your shovel and put a couple of seeds in each little section. Make sure to cover the seeds with dirt.
4. Finally, water it, make sure it gets sun and watch your little garden grow. (You may need to transplant it when it outgrows your container)

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