

"GREEN TIPS" FOR KIDS!

Young children are naturally curious about nature and living things. Positive and frequent experiences with nature during the early years can help them develop a lifelong sense of appreciation and responsibility for the environment. Below you'll find some fun and simple ways you and your classroom can "be green" together!

What Does it Mean to "Be Green"?

You don't have to be the color green to "be green"! Explain to your children that "being green" can also mean doing things that are friendly to nature and living things, like plants and animals.

Take a Closer Look

Go on a nature investigation and look closely at different kinds of insects, plants, or rocks at a local park or right in your own neighborhood. Is there something the children notice that wasn't noticed before? Talk about what it looks like, feels like, moves like, and why they think it's there.

Let's Keep Our Neighborhood Clean!

Have a conversation about putting trash where it belongs (in the trash can, of course!) and why it's important not to litter. For example, a park or sidewalk can be home to many insects, plants and animals. We can all care for nature by doing our part to keep our neighborhoods clean and beautiful.

Play a Recycling Game

Explain that recycling means using something old to make something new. You can recycle lots of things like plastic bottles, aluminum cans, paper, and cardboard boxes. Keep separate colored containers and play a fun sorting game by putting the recyclables into the appropriate bins.

Keep a Nature Journal

Provide a journal so the children can spend time playing outside and drawing pictures of all the interesting and beautiful things in nature.

Use Just What You Need

Help children learn that all people, plants, and animals need water so it's important not to waste it. Remind children to save water by using just what is needed. For example, you can turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.

How Does Food Grow?

With your classroom, plant fruit and vegetable seeds in soil with plenty of healthy nutrients in the school yard or in a few flower pots inside your classroom. Encourage the children to take care of the plants and watch them grow!

