

Earth Week



The learning objectives for this week are:

- Learn about why keeping the Earth clean and safe is so important
- Spend more time outside and embrace the Earth
- Learn about recycling
- Help the community by picking an area and cleaning up any trash we find

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- Plant an herb garden and talk about why gardening and the food from gardens is so good for us. Let your child dig and get their hands dirty.
- Go find a local park or other public area. Give your child some gloves and a plastic bag, and together pick up all of the trash that you can find.
- Go on a nature walk and find items on the list
(<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Earth-Day-FREE-1791341>)

Math Element

- Sort and count the amount of trash in each pile that you find at the park

Literacy Element

- Learn Earth Day terms (<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Earth-Day-FREE-1791341>)

Science Element

- Chart the items that you find at the park into categories and amounts
- Talk about recycling and divide the items found at the park into those that should be thrown away and those that should be recycled. Then, throw the items where they should go!
 - Before you go, complete this activity on which items should be sorted where (<http://www.classroomfreebiestoo.com/2012/03/sorting-trash-earth-day-lesson.html?m=1>)
 - Or
 - This activity (<http://www.adventure-in-a-box.com/printable-recycling-game/>)

Arts & Crafts

- Earth Day coloring pages- (<https://www.sightandsoundreading.com/earth-day-coloring-sheets/>)
- Mess free Earth painting (<http://www.stillplayingschool.com/2015/04/no-mess-painting-in-bag-earth-craft.html?m=1>)
- Color the items that are helpful to our Earth (<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Earth-Day-FREE-1791341>)
- Make a bird seed feeder (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/45458277469381088/>)
- Look through your recycling bin with your child and decide if you have items you can reuse for crafts at a later time (such as egg carton caterpillars or using a box for a diorama)

Music & Movement

- Learn the “We Recycle” song (https://www.pinterest.com/pin/AcSDJ3rcF8F9idCRMYHNNN5nW9syZXbHhRB58EkIEOSPkiQ6_jGuZMY/)

Books to Read

- I Stink, by Kate and Jim McMullen (https://www.amazon.com/I-Stink-Kate-McMullan-ebook/dp/BOOWELVQLA/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1492278399&sr=8-1&keywords=i+stink+by+kate+%26+jim+mcmullan)
- Lift the Flap Questions and Answers About Our World by Usbourne (<https://www.amazon.com/Lift-Flap-Questions-Answers-About/dp/1409582159>)
- Come to the Meadow by Anna Hines (<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/come-to-the-meadow-anna-grossnickle-hines/1013603340>)
- We Eat Food That's Fresh (<https://www.amazon.com/We-Eat-Food-Thats-Fresh/dp/193421406X>)
- Secrets of the Vegetable Garden, by Carron Brown and Giordano Poloni (https://www.amazon.com/Secrets-Vegetable-Garden-Shine-Light/dp/1610674138/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1492278699&sr=1-1&keywords=secrets+of+the+vegetable+garden)

Shows & Movies

- Watch Wall-E
- Curious George episode “Everything Old is New Again”
- Planet Earth

Places and Experiences

- *Plant a garden*
- *Go to a local park and collect trash*
- *Have a picnic at the park and spend time playing and walking outside*
- *Find a local recycling plant and see if you can schedule a tour or field trip with a co-op*

Snacks

- *Make a vegetable meal together and talk about why vegetable heavy meals are good for us*

Miscellaneous