

Preschool April Lessons



Earth Day

One Day Free Sample

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Preschool Lesson Plans
Letter X - Number 10
Earth Day

Post a note to the parents - see if they can donate some clean recycled items such as egg cartons, metal cans (no sharp edges) small plastic water bottles, cereal boxes, toilet paper rolls, Kleenex boxes, newspaper and old calendars (or calendar pages from January, February and March).

Circle Time: Let's Recycle - Activity

This morning you tell the children's its earth day and tell them that this means that we are trying to keep our planet "green" and one way to do this is by recycling. Ask if anyone knows what recycling means. Explain to the children that this means we will not throw away items we can reuse, such as glass jars, paper items, metal cans, etc



Let's Recycle - Activity

You will need: several egg cartons, clean metal cans (no sharp edges), plastic empty small water bottles, clean old newspapers (ripped into strips) and toilet paper rolls, five sturdy cardboard boxes (if you don't have any on hand you can ask at your local grocery store).

To begin: Set up the five boxes, side by side, and place one of each of the items listed onto the boxes, one item on each box, attach the items by taping or gluing them onto the boxes. In the pictures above on the left hand side is some of the recyclable items the children will use today and on the right hand side is our toilet paper box and we taped the toilet paper roll to the box to make it easy for the children to know where to put the items they are going to recycle today.

You may find some of the items are too heavy to attach to the box by tape, those items may need to be hot glued onto the box, and they can be pulled off the box later and recycled.

Have the children gather together and explain to the children that they are going to play a fun game of recycling today! Show them all the recyclable items and tell them how they will help you sort all the recyclables, show them the toilet paper rolls in the pile of items and how they would go into the box that has the toilet paper roll on it.

To begin ask the children, which box will I put the plastic bottles? Does anyone know where we I would put the tissue boxes? Where would I put the metal cans? Who can show me where the newspapers go? Then say something like, Wow, you all so smart, I think you will all find this game a lot of fun, and remember, if you need any help, just ask me, and I will be glad to help you figure out where the items go, are we all ready? Hmm who's going to go first today, who is our leader today? Etc.

Have the children sit in a circle and take turns picking out one of the items from the pile of recycles (egg cartons, metal cans, plastic water bottles, newspaper, toilet paper rolls) and have them sort the item they picked up by placing it into the box with the same item that is taped or glued to the box.

Song/Finger Rhyme: Recycle This, Recycle That
Tune to "Open Shut them, Open Shut Them"

Recycle this, recycle that. (Hold up one bottle then both bottles)

Give yourself a tap, tap, tap. (Tap bottles together X3)

For you recycled this and that! (Hold up one bottle then both bottles)

Give yourself a tap, tap, tap. (Tap the bottle together X3)



Directions: You will need two sturdy clean water bottles per child. Give each of the children some one inch squares of colorful party streamers (crepe paper), or let the children rip up the paper streams and poke the pieces into their bottles. When they are done teacher will place a few pumpkin seeds or a few pebbles inside with the scrap pieces of crepe paper so when they shake the bottles they will make a sound.

Make sure you put all the covers on tightly and let them use them with this song and then put them away until you can get a chance to hot glue the covers on (do not use the hot glue when the children are present it is extremely hot) Teacher will need to hot glue the covers on, make sure they are secure before giving the bottles to the children to take home.

Ask the children what they used to make their shakes with. They used paper and plastic. Tell them the bottles they used to make their craft today are made from plastic and inside their bottles are papers, and both of these items that they used to make their shakers today are items that we need to remember to recycle "paper and plastic", and since they used them to make a craft they recycled today! They did a good job recycling!



Catch The Bug
Please Recycle !

Art Project: Mr. Recyclable Bug - Craft

Teacher should make her Recyclable bug before the children come to daycare today. Make a poster that says "catch the bug, Please Recycle" underneath.

The caption "Catch The Bug, Please Recycle" is referring to when people get sick and they say I have a virus or a "bug" and these types of "bugs" spread quickly from one person to another, and then everyone is getting sick, well we are hoping that everyone will catch "the recycle bug" and help to make our planet a lot greener!

To begin, teacher will hold up her Mr. Recyclable bug or attach him to the wall and show him to the children at craft time today. Explain to the children that this is Mr. Recyclable Bug and he looks for garbage that can be recycled and he collects it and carries it along to the recycling center, but it's a lot of work and he is getting tired and there is way too much garbage for him to do this all by himself and he could really use some help from them.

Ask the children how they can help Mr. Recyclable Bug?

Explain to them that if they recycle glass, paper, cans, cardboard and other recyclable items they will help Mr. Recyclable bug he wont have to do it all by himself anymore and he wont be so tired, he has to find garbage day and night and right now and he hardly gets any sleep and every time he thinks he has found all the garbage, guess what! He finds more the next day and that makes him very sad. But when he sees you recycle that makes him very happy and he doesn't have to work so hard picking up all the trash, so let's try and make Mr. Recyclable bug happy by recycling our trash!

Ask the children if they recycle at home, if not, remind them to tell mom and dad about Mr. Recyclable bug and how happy it would make him if everyone recycled at least one thing each day such as newspaper, glass bottles, metal cans, cardboard, etc.

Now have the children make their own Mr. Recycle Bug

You will need: Cardboard cereal boxes and cut out large circles from the boxes and have the children paint the circles any color they would like, hang them onto an outside clothesline or near an open window to dry quickly, after their circles dry, have the children glue on recyclables items to make their very own Mr. Recyclable bug.

Have them glue on items such as clean and washed out tuna cans, large jar covers from peanut butter jars, mayo jars, plastic yogurt covers, toilet paper rolls, scraps of newspaper, or scraps pieces of paper from flyers, popsicle sticks, pieces of egg cartons or anything else that you would normally throw away to teach the children many items we throw away each day could be recycled.

Learning time: Tap The Circle

You will need: Cardboard cereal box or cracker box, scrap pieces of party streamers (crepe paper) or other types of scraps of paper, yarn, hole punch, 2 small milk cartons, packing tape, paper towel roll.



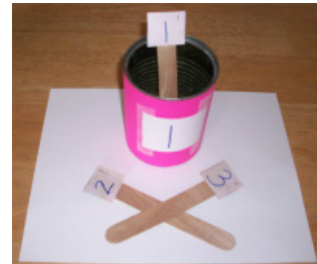
Circle: you will need a cardboard cereal box or a large cracker box and cut it into a large circle and glue on some pieces scraps of paper such as tissue paper, party streamers, construction paper or any other kinds of scraps paper that you have in your craft area. After you have finished gluing the circle, set it aside to dry. Then you will need to hole punch the top of the circle and attach a piece of string or yarn and hang it from the ceiling.

Cube (die): You will need to make a cube (die), you can make one from two small clean washed out milk cartons. Cut the milk cartons in half, and push the two open ends together, tightly, and cover with squares of cardstock paper and write on low number such as 1, 2, 4...1, 2 onto the cube, you should now have a number on each side. To make the cube (die) durable cover it with clear packing tape.

Activity: Have the children sit in a circle and take turns shaking the cube (die) if they shake a four, teacher will pass them the paper towel roll and then will go over and tap the circle (which is hanging from the ceiling) four times. Teacher and all the children will count out the taps, 1, 2, 3, 4. Now have the next child shake the cube (die), continue until everyone has had a turn.

Letter/Number: Calendar Number Match Up

You will need: Calendars with the numbers on them, such as the calendar pages from January, February and March, metal cans, craft sticks and tape or glue.



Directions: You will need several calendar pages (ask parents to recycle their old calendar pages by bringing them in) and cut out the squares with the numbers 1 - 10 on them.

Glue one of each number onto a craft stick. We found that on our calendar all the numbers were very small so we wrote the same number onto the squares with a marker in very large numbers. (See picture above)

To make the cans look nicer you may want to cut some strips of cardstock paper and wrap around it around the can like a blanket and tape it. Then we recycled our mail by cutting out squares from the backs of the envelopes that we put onto the cans to write the numbers 1, 2, 3...10. Put one number onto each square and tape the squares onto the cans. (see picture above)

Next, teacher will need to set the cans in a row starting with the number 1, 2, 3...10 Lay all the craft sticks face down onto the floor.

Activity: Have all the children sit in a circle around the calendar number craft sticks and have them take turns picking one calendar number craft stick from the floor and holding it up and telling you what calendar number is on the craft stick. Have them match the craft stick by number to the can with the same number, and place the craft stick inside the can with the same number, repeat with the rest of the children.

Special Activity: Lets Play Golf!

You will need: Some large sheets of newspaper, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, clear packing tape and small to medium sized sturdy boxes.



This is an outside activity.

Golf Activity: Show the children how they can hit the paper ball with their toilet paper golf club, and try to hit the paper ball (swing like their playing mini golf) and try to get the paper ball into one of the boxes on the playground, once they get the ball into one of the boxes have them remove the paper ball and try to golf it over to another box.

Golf Club: To make the golf club you will need a paper towel roll and two toilet paper rolls. You will need to cut a hole in the center of the toilet paper roll, trace around the paper towel roll onto the center of the toilet paper roll and cut out and carefully push the paper towel roll inside, and then if you find the golf clubs are not long enough, you will need another toilet paper roll or paper towel roll and carefully squeeze it into the end of the paper towel roll, it will be very snug and a bit hard to push in, after you get the toilet paper roll pushed into the paper towel roll go around it with clear packing tape so it will stay together.

Directions: Have the children help you squish up a few large sheets of newspaper to look like paper balls and then take the paper balls, golf clubs and boxes all outside. Lay the boxes randomly around the playground and not too close to each other.

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 Preschool Weekly Calendar
 April - One Day Free Sample
 Earth Day - April 22nd



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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