

Recycle

Tune: Ten In A Bed
A can in the bin
And another went in.
Recycle! Recycle!
We all recycled and
added a can.
There were two in the bin
And another went in.
Recycle! Recycle!
(Continue
till you get
to five)



Earth Day History

By Amanda Davis
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Imagine a world without trees. What if the rain forests, and all of the exotic plants and colorful animals that call it home, suddenly did not exist? In 1962, Gaylord Nelson decided something needed to be done to protect the environment. The work that he began led to what we now know as Earth Day.

Nelson realized very few people were concerned about environmental problems like **deforestation**, the destruction of trees.

"For several years, it has been troubling me," Nelson wrote in a 1962 article, "that the state of the environment is simply a non-issue in the politics of our country."

Nelson then headed to Washington, D.C., where he hoped to convince President John F. Kennedy to take a stand on environmental issues. Nelson first met with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who agreed that it was an important issue. It wasn't long before President Kennedy heard Nelson's concerns and agreed that action should be taken.

The President set out on a five-day, 11-state conservation tour in September 1963. Although Kennedy's high-profile

tour was not a success, Nelson was not ready to give up.

Nelson continued to speak to audiences across 25 states about the importance of the environment. Although his point of view began to catch on among most people, politicians still were not listening.

"The idea that became Earth Day," said Nelson, "occurred to me while on a conservation speaking tour out West in the summer of 1969."

It was September of 1969, at a conference in Seattle, when Nelson announced that he would stage a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment the next spring. He invited everyone in the audience to attend.

On April 22, 1970, more than 20 million demonstrators and thousands of schools and local communities participated in Nelson's demonstration. The occasion made people sit up and pay attention to environmental issues. Word about the environment began to spread.

On March 21, 1971, the UN Secretary-General signed a proclamation establishing Earth Day as an official international holiday. Now people all over the world are learning about environmental issues in their communities.

Gaylord Nelson died on July 3, 2005, but his contributions will always be remembered as younger generations continue his fight to preserve the world's environment.

Bird Feeder

Materials

- 1/4-ounce package of unflavored gelatin
- 2 cups of your favorite wild birdseed
- Three 4-inch mini Bundt or fluted pans
- Colorful ribbon



Instructions

1. To make a batch, bring 6 tablespoons of water to a boil. Empty one 1/4-ounce package of unflavored gelatin (we used Knox brand) into 2 tablespoons of cold water in a large bowl. Let the gelatin sit for 1 minute, then add the boiling water and stir for 2 to 3 minutes or until the gelatin has dissolved.
2. Next, stir 2 cups of your favorite wild birdseed into the gelatin, mixing thoroughly. Let the mixture set for a few minutes, then stir again. Repeat this process a few times, if necessary, allowing the seed to absorb the liquid. Spoon the seed mixture into three 4-inch mini bundt or fluted pans (available at many housewares stores--we got ours at Linens 'n Things--or online cooking supply sites, such as www.nordicware.com).
3. Place the pans in the refrigerator or a cool room and let them set for at least 3 hours. Remove the wreaths from the molds by inverting the pans and tapping along the bottoms. Allow the wreaths to air-dry overnight.
4. Finally, tie colorful ribbon around your wreaths and hang them outside in a protected spot, such as under an awning or eaves, where the rain won't melt them

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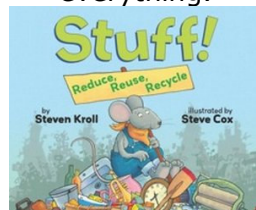


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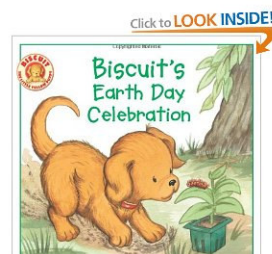
Stuff! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
By: Steven Kroll

Pinch, a pack rat dressed in blue overalls and an orange scarf, lives in a house overflowing with "stuff." His friends convince him to join in a community tag sale, and he quickly sells everything.



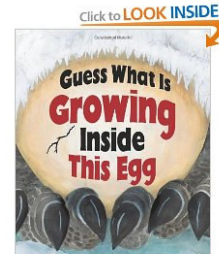
Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration
By: Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Join Biscuit as he helps take care of our green world. From planting seeds to cleaning up, Biscuit's celebration is an exciting adventure for Earth Day and for every day!



Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg
By: Mia Posada

Eggs that do not come in stock sizes suited to specially designed cartons at the supermarket (no matter what the kids think) can be fascinating in their infinite variety.



Lion Lowdown

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Earth Day Quiz

Animals/ juice box /tree
healthy/ lights/ shower
bird feeder /cans /recycle
TV /water /lunch box

1. Don't leave the _____ running when you are brushing your teeth.
2. Take a _____ instead of a bath.
3. If you litter _____ will eat the garbage and get sick.
4. We can _____ by using both sides of the paper.
5. Use a reusable juice container instead of a _____.
6. Planting just one _____ can save the sky from smoke from factories.
7. Turn off the _____ and _____ when you are not in the room.
8. Keep the oceans clean so the fish will stay _____ and safe.
9. Make a _____.
The birds in the city have a hard time finding enough food to eat.
10. Recycle your plastic and _____.
11. Use a _____ instead of a paper bag.



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What to Expect in Kindergarten...

Lessons:

Sight words: he, no, do, down, have, help
Letter sounds
Nouns: Singular and Plural
Writing with voice
Life Cycle of a Plant
Bugs
Past/Present/Future
Estimation
Division concepts

Activities:

4/10 Kaydee Puppets 11:00
4/17 Board of Directors Meeting
5/11 Muffins with Mom 6:30-9:00 AM