

Mrs. Leopold's Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter  
Week of April 16-20

Circle Time: Earth Day is Sunday so we decided to focus on our Planet Earth this week. We talked about how we can make a difference in the condition of the earth and the lives of everyone around us on our earth. We learned the key phrase, "reduce, reuse and recycle." We talked about how the phrase applies to activities in our classroom as well in our community. We learned to turn off the water when it is not in use and to turn off the lights when we leave the room. We talked about all of the items that people can reuse such as toys, clothing, plastic and/or paper bags. We also came up with items that are recyclable including cans, plastic bottles, paper and newspapers. Your child will be looking at containers around your house because we learned that if a container has a 1 thru 7 in a triangle then it is recyclable, if not it is trash. Each day after lunch, we check all of the containers on our lunch trays to make sure the items are going into the correct receptacles. We also talked about how we can start to compost items that have grown from the earth and they will disintegrate. We can then use the compost to help grow healthier plants, fruits and vegetables. We put all of this knowledge into practice in our classroom and the children hope to continue it at home with you. We are talking about conserving energy as well.

We talked about pollution and how important it is to make sure not to litter. Trash belongs in a can and not on the side of the road or in the ponds. We read great books including Our Earth, Earth Day Puppy, Recycle That!, The Great Trash Bash, and Michael Recycle.

We made something from nothing. We made two robots out of both recyclable and non-recyclable items. We decided that one is a boy and the other is a girl. We are very proud that we created something (robots) from nothing (trash).

Art:

We printed with the bottoms of a variety of recycled soda and water containers. Each bottom made a different print. Some even looked like flowers for spring.

We glued a variety of recycled items together to make a collage.

Science: We became little scientists and learned about water pollution. We did a science experiment. We took celery stalks and placed some in plain water and others in water with a black marker tip in the water. We made predictions of what we thought would happen and then watched anxiously to see what would happen. The celery stalks in water stayed healthy and the leaves stayed green while the others turned black and started to wilt. This experiment taught us that water pollution hurts plants and animals.

Sensory table: We have dirt with buckets, shovels and scoops. We are working on filling and dumping.

**Don't forget to send in gardening items for our Celebrate Webster Hill raffle basket.**

With the warmer weather coming our soon (fingers crossed), please make sure to have your child wear appropriate, closed toed shoes and sandals. Crocks, while great for the pool are not for the playground. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and safety of your child.

Dramatic Play: We switched with week from a recycling center to a puppet theater. We are working on performing mini shows for our teachers and classmates.

**Save the dates:**

Thursday, May 3 is Grandparents/Special Person's day from 7:30-9:15 am for breakfast following by an assembly in the auditorium. Check out what is later that night...

Thursday, May 3 from 6:00-8:00 PM is Celebrate Webster Hill Art Show and Basket Raffle. This is an art show featuring art by each and every child at Webster Hill. Your child will have a piece of art made during their art class with Ms. Heyl. Please join in the fun and admire all of the talented Webster Hill artist's work.

Wednesday, May 16, 5-8PM for a Celebrity scoop at Rita's Ice on New Britain Ave. It is a great fundraising evening to come see "celebrities". I will be there the entire night so stop by and support Webster Hill.

Kindergoo and Joey, stuffed animal kangaroos are wanting to travel to each families house for two nights. If you are interested in having your child participate please let me know. The stuffed animals will come home and enjoy adventures with your child and then your child needs to write about their fun. The kangaroos come with two books to read as well.

As always if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Have a nice weekend,  
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Chant Re, re, re recycle,  
Re, re, re, re use it.  
No, no, do not trash it,  
Re, re, re re use it.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Sung to: "The More We Get Together"  
Reduce, reuse, recycle, recycle, recycle.  
Reduce, reuse, recycle. It's easy to do.  
'Cause your world is my world,  
and my world is your world.  
Reduce, reuse, recycle. It's easy to do!

Chant

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, words that we all know.  
We have to save our planet, so we can live and grow.  
We might be only children, but we will try, you'll see.  
And we can save this planet, it starts with you and me!

You might hear your child saying...."1,2,3 save a tree!!" This is what we say when cranking out the paper towels to dry our hands. This limits the amount of paper we use therefore saving trees from being cut down. Help us take better care of our world!!!