



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- April 25, 2014



Dear Parents,

We celebrated the Earth in a number of ways this week! The teachers arranged for some wonderful experiences in their classrooms and our parents contributed in many creative ways as well. In classrooms, the children made posters encouraging all of us to conserve energy, reuse, recycle, and keep our planet clean. They wrote poems and informational and persuasive essays and shared them with their peers. One class engaged in an energy-saving debate and another designed creative projects using only recycled materials. In art class, students created beautiful paintings and in music class, they sang songs celebrating the Earth. We honored all of our students' efforts at our Spirit Day Assembly on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed our special Family Focus Earth Week Homework too!

Thank you to the members of our GPFA Green and Garden Committees for helping to arrange special experiences for our students. Thank you to our parent readers who read "Miss Rumphius," a classic story about a woman who wanted to make the world a more beautiful place, to our students on Tuesday. During recess this week, parents led by Mrs. Smyth and Elizabeth Rexer of Earl's Kitchen Gardens, planted our raised garden bed in the courtyard. The children also were given an opportunity to plant peas to take home. Yesterday, a number of parents, led by Mr. and Mrs. DeSimone, engaged the children in exciting recess relays and games. They also showed the children a frog and a salamander and taught them how taking care of the Earth impacts the habitats of all living things. It was such a fun and educational experience for all! Thank you to Mrs. Thatcher for organizing "Trashless Tuesday" too. Once again, we thank all of our parents for all they do to make the school experience for our children so special.



It is empowering for children to know that their actions matter, whether it be helping another person, or helping keep our planet clean and green. As a school community, we certainly have shown our children that every person can make a difference. One student, Joseph Kiely from Mrs. Adams' class, even wrote to me requesting that we start an "Earth Club." He will be recruiting members next week and the first meeting will be on Tuesday, supervised by our Trashless Tuesday parent volunteers! Wow!

Here are just a few of the Earth-friendly "green" ideas our students shared with each other this week:

- Recycle garbage like paper or plastic and glass.
- You can clean the Earth with your family and your friends.
- If you don't need something, have a garage sale or if it's garbage, recycle it.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- Don't use electronics all the time. Instead, go outside and play.
- Don't use cars all the time. Walk if you can.
- Turn off lights and televisions when you leave the room.
- Shut off the water when brushing your teeth.
- Don't litter-save the critters!
- Recycle and reuse to keep the Earth healthy!

There are some terrific family events this weekend you may want to attend, such as the CSH Fish Hatchery Festival (tomorrow) and the Planting Fields Arbor Day Family Festival (Saturday and Sunday).

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein