

Have each child bring in a hand towel to use instead of paper towels: Using the towel instead of paper towel gives the child an opportunity to cut back on the amount of trash they produce. Encouraging them to share this concept with their families will minimize the overall waste production at home. Discussion on the topic of three R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) will help them more.

Raise awareness. Have each child bring in a reused grocery bag. For the entire day, children are required to carry around their trash instead of throwing it in a trash can. For homework, at the very end of the day, right before bedtime, they have to categorize the trash and graph the data. As a follow up assignment, they have to write a response to the activity and explain ways to reduce the amount of trash they produced.

Start a recycling program in school: Conduct waste collection and recycling program in school so that children can understand different ways to recycle the waste. Knowledge on plastic waste recycling, paper waste recycling should be given to students, so that they can use it in day to day life.

Environmental projects: Assign projects to children that can help them to know more about environment , waste generation and its adverse effects on health and environment, waste reuse or reduce, etc. Set a time limit of given project, so that children can do research and do their job with responsibility and awareness.

The Trash-a-thon is a valuable experience for the children: It opens their eyes to the amount of trash we produce. Most of the waste is generated as wrappers from single-serving snacks. It offers great data and experiences that lead into a lesson on the importance of reducing the amount of trash we produce.

Take the children outside the school building: Figure out a way to take the lessons you are teaching outdoors. This will foster a love and understanding of the importance of the environment and will create a desire to live in a more earth honoring way. Arrange vacation camp, tracking etc.