



School Program Guide

The following programs have been developed according to the Illinois Learning Standards

PreK-K: Environmental Literacy Program. Books and activities rotate monthly.

1st grade: Planet Earth: Where We Live!
This session is an introduction to our natural surroundings. Students will become more familiar with the world that surrounds them and how everything we use comes from the natural world.

2nd grade: Environment 101 This session introduces students to our environment. Where does all the stuff we use come from? What can we do to be more careful about what we use? Learn the 4 R's and how they can be used in the student's everyday lives.
ILS: 1C, 4A, 12B, 13B, 17C

3rd grade: Waste Makers VS Conservation Kids
Students will learn where their garbage goes, discuss littering and decomposition. They will learn to reduce the waste they generate by packing a waste free lunch. Bill Nye Movie included at teacher's request.
ILS: 1C, 4A, 12B, 12E, 13B.

4th grade: Recycled Water
Students will discover the stages of water cycle and the importance of water to all living things. They can evaluate their water usage and ways to conserve. We will play a game called the "wacky water cycle" and get crazy singing the water cycle boogie. ILS: 1C, 2A, 4A, 12E, 13B, 17C

4th grade: ISAT Prep This program includes a basic introduction to recycling, natural resources, renewable and non-renewable resources as well as a quiz with sample questions from the previous ISAT tests. This program helps prepare for the ISATs while learning valuable natural resource information. ILS: 4A, 12E, 17C

Programs presented free of charge by Peoria County Recycling

5th grade: Packaging What a Waste! Students are introduced to the functions of packaging and the impact all that waste has on the environment. They will explore reasons for packaging and get to design their own "environmentally friendly" package. ILS: 4A, 12E, 13B, 17C

6th grade: You Can Make a Difference?
Learn where aluminum comes from and how it is made. See how the earth's precious natural resources are damaged in the mining of bauxite ore. Watch a 10 minute video on aluminum production and learn how recycling can really make a difference. ILS: 4A, 12E, 13B, 17C

7th grade: Landfills, Composts and Squirmy Worms
This session starts with a discussion about how much garbage Americans produce, where it goes and what we are going to do when the landfill is full. We look at alternatives like composting, vermi-composting, the 4R's and watch a video called Recycle More (12 min) ILS: 4A, 12E, 13B, 17B, 17C

8th grade: The Cost of Cool (2-45minute visits) This program focuses on youth, consumption and how their choices affect the environment. What is the environmental cost of being cool? How is advertising and marketing used to increase consumption? Students will figure out their own ecological footprint and learn how to make simple choices that make a difference. It includes a 26 minute film. ILS: 4A, 12E, 13B, 15D, 15E, 17B, 17C

**All programs can be adapted for any grade/age level.
Length of programs can also be adjusted to meet the needs of your class.
Call with any questions**



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