

SCHOOL YEAR MONTHLY GUIDE

What is Conservation?

Mindful use of our planet's resource and preventing waste as much as possible.

Why is Conservation important?

Conservation protects natural resources for future generations and makes life better for us.



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Topic: Recycle

Learn: What is recyclable in your area?

<u>Action</u>: Set up recycling collection at your school or in your classroom; include electronics recycling





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October



<u>Learn:</u> What is litter? Why is litter a problem?

<u>Action:</u> Do your part and don't litter. Pick up litter if you see it and put it in a trashcan or recycling bin.



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<u>Topic:</u> Reduce Household Trash

<u>Learn:</u> Where does your trash go?

November

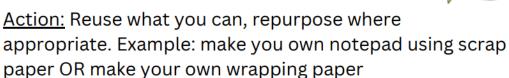


Action: Talk to you family members and come up with a plan to reduce the waste you produce. Example: take groceries home in a reuseable bag; don't use disposable plates, cups and utensils

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Topic: Reuse/repurpose

Learn: What does it mean to repurpose?







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<u>Topic:</u> Save Electricity

Learn: Where does your electricity come from?

Action: Notice the electricty that you use. Remember to turn the lights out when you leave a room, even if you have to put

a note there to help you remember.











Learn More: What are other ways YOU can save electricity?

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Topic: Cut Back on Single Use Plastic

<u>Learn:</u> What is single use plastic? Why is it a problem?

<u>Action:</u> Become aware of all the plastic you touch in one day. Come up with a plan to use less "single use" plastic. Example: use a wooden pencil instead of a plastic one; refill a drink bottle instead of a single use disposable bottle



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March

February

<u>Topic:</u> Notice the Soil

<u>Learn:</u> What makes soil healthy? Why do we need soil?

<u>Action:</u> Take a walk, notice bare soil, come up with a plan to plant something on that soil.



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April

Topic: Support the Pollinators

Learn: What is a pollinator? Why are they important?

Action: Plant native, pollinator friendly plants, observe the bees, butterflies and flying insects, keep track of what you see and where. Idea: use the seek app to id species



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May

Topic: Use Less Water

<u>Learn:</u> What are ways people can conserve water? Why is conserving water important?

