

- We can build a **12 foot wall from NY to LA** using only the paper THROWN AWAY by AMERICANS.
- 27,000 trees are cut down EVERY DAY for toilet paper.
- Recycling ONE aluminum can save enough energy to listen to an entire album on your iPod.
- 80 MILLION Hershey's Kisses are wrapped daily. This can cover **40 football fields** in aluminum tin foil.
 - Think of Duke's football field, UNC's field, NCCU's, the Panthers, the Steelers, the Packers, the Patriots, and we still have 33 more to go. **But it's okay, because this can all be recycled!**

Short Activities to Get Your Students Engaged

- **DAILY SHOW AND TELL:** Have a student bring in a recyclable they've researched and share one surprising item it can be recycled into.
- **MATCHING ACTIVITY:** Print of pictures or bring in items that can be recycled into other materials. Have students match products made with their corresponding recyclable material. (i.e. Plastic bottles into tote bags and tooth brushes; Milk cartons into tissue paper; Bottle caps into yarn and brooms; Notebook paper into toilet paper.)
- **ART PROJECT:** (Specific for art room) Have students complete an art project made from recyclable materials (i.e. birdhouse made from milk cartons; sculpture made from used bottles)
- **WEARING FACTS:** Have students research a fact about recycling. Pass out sticky notes and have students write their facts down and wear the stickynote.
- **TO RECYCLE OR NOT TO RECYCLE:** Split students into two groups - *To Recycle* and *Not to Recycle*. Have each group line-up facing the whiteboard. When you say go, the first person in the *To Recycle* group will write an item on the whiteboard that can be recycled (plastic bottles) while the *Not* group will write an item that cannot be recycled (tissues). Once they have written something, they pass the pen to the next student and go to the back of the line. Allow 3 minutes, and see which group can get a longer and more accurate list.
- **DECORATING COLLECTION BINS:** Set time aside for students to spruce up the collection bin in your classroom by decorating scrap paper to cover the outside. Encourage the use of recyclable materials, but allow for fun coloring too!

- **RECYCLING RELAY:** Split students into teams of 2-4. Each team stands in a line with a pile of recyclables and non-recyclables on one end and trash cans and recycling bins on the other. When you say “GO,” have students pass down items and use teamwork to help the last teammate decide which bin it belongs in. You can rotate the sorter.
- **BOWLING WITH BOTTLES:** Let students know at the beginning of the week to bring in their plastic bottles. This gets them engaged with recycling. At the end of the week, use the bottles to make as big a bowling line-up as you can. (Fill bottles with a little dirt or sand to help them stand up). Let students use soft balls to try and bowl down the pins.

Classroom Pledges

The pledge will be the size of a regular printer page and will be handed out to each classroom.

Hang this pledge in your classroom to demonstrate your class is committed to recycling and the Toss it Right campaign. Sign your name anywhere on the pledge and let students sign when you see them recycle.



DID YOU KNOW?

- PIZZA BOXES can now be recycled! Just toss out the pizza first!
- PLASTIC BAGS are a BIG NO. But plastic liners that are filled with recycling will be ripped open at the facility, so those are okay!
- CLEAR LINERS help Waste Management identify which waste is from the school and which waste is from the neighbors, to help **cut down on collection costs**.

