

EARTH DAY PLEDGE



Purpose:

The purpose of this activity is to have students pledge an activity or action on Earth Day that they will complete to help the Earth.

Instructions:

Begin the activity with a preliminary discussion on what Earth Day is and why it is important. Also discuss why it is important to be mindful of our actions and decisions. Have students think of all the resources they consume on a daily basis (food, water, electricity, other energy), and how they consume them (heating their homes, brushing their teeth, preparing food).

Then have a second discussion where you ask the students what they can do to reduce their consumption. These can be small actions that are done everyday to larger more intensive actions. Make a list of what the students respond with, and if they are struggling to think of ways to reduce their consumption offer some suggestions from the list below

- Turn off lights when leaving room or when not needed.
- Turn off the TV when not in use.
- Unplug electronics that are not in use.
- Close windows & doors when heat is on.
- Pack food in re-usable containers (wasteless lunches).
- Use real spoons and forks instead of plastic ones.
- Use a re-usable water bottle.
- Use both sides of the paper.
- Use your recyclables for crafts and art.
- Sort your waste properly (recycling, composting, etc.).
- Use less paper towels when drying hands.
- Turn off water while brushing your teeth.
- Walk, bike or take the bus to school

Once the list is complete, leave it up for students to look at. Then give each student a pledge sheet (attached). Tell the students to make a pledge of one activity that will help reduce their consumption or help the Earth in some way. These pledges can be actions from the list that you made during the second discussion, or helping out at events they have planned, and more.

If you have *older* students, you can let them make their own pledges out of blank paper.

Let the students decorate their pledges as they would like and then hang them up around the classroom or school.

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