

WE RECYCLE AT P.S. 11 Staten Island, NY



Trashmasters/Super Recyclers



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P.S. 11 Recycles

<u>Ms. P. Donnelly</u>	Science Cluster Grades 3 – 5
<u>Ms. S. Marino</u>	Science Cluster Grades K – 2
<u>Pre Kindergarten</u>	Piñatas & Flowers from recycled paper/Mrs. Stingo
<u>Kindergarten</u>	Book Swap - Mrs. Barton/Mrs. Madigan
<u>Grade 1</u>	Egg Carton Crafts – Mrs. Bartone/Mrs. Hanarahan
<u>Grade 2</u>	Egg Carton Planting – Mrs. Losardo/Mrs. Williams
<u>Grade 3</u>	Recycling Poster – Mrs. Schwarzkopf/Mrs. Macaluso/Mrs. Pluy
<u>Grade 4</u>	Kaleidoscopes – Mrs. Cambria/Mrs. Driscoll/Mrs. Bivona
<u>Grade 5</u>	Scrap pads – Ms. Weir/Ms. Nelson/Ms. Gattulo Tin Can Barometers Ecology Fair

P.S. 11 is a super recycling school for many reasons. Students from Pre-K to our graduating fifth graders believe that "everything old is new again." Our enthusiastic staff supports our school's ongoing recycling, reducing and reusing program.

Under the guidance and direction of Ms. Patty Donnelly and Ms. Sari Marino (science teachers) the students have participated in a wide variety of recycling activities.

In October students at P.S. 11 were invited to a recycling assembly. Through a recycling game, discussions and a short video students learned the value of recycling. On a daily basis recycling is taking place at P.S. 11. Throughout the year the students are taking part in activities and projects where reducing, reusing and recycling are the main objectives.

Pre-K students created piñatas using old newspapers. They also made flowers out of old egg cartons and they created a small display of a community using cardboard tubes and old boxes. The Pre-K students are super recyclers.

Kindergarten students took part in a book swap. The children swapped old books they were finished reading with children in their class to receive a "new" book.

Kindergartners learned everything old is new again.

First graders at P.S. 11 created bugs such as caterpillars and ladybugs out of old egg cartons. They enjoyed making creepy crawlies come to life!

Second graders used egg cartons to plant. Each egg carton was filled with soil and seeds. Children are enjoying watching the seeds grow.

Third graders used the blank side of scrap paper to make recycling posters. These posters are displayed around the school and are friendly reminders to recycle.

Fourth graders created kaleidoscopes during a unit on light. The materials used were toilet paper and paper towel rolls (cardboard tubes). Scrap paper was used to decorate the outside of the kaleidoscopes.

Fifth graders created writing pads by stapling scrap paper together. Teachers were given "new" writing pads to use in their classrooms. Fifth grade students also created barometers using tin cans when they were learning about the weather. On May 3 fifth grade students will be participating in an Ecology Fair at the Staten Island Mall.

Everyone at P.S. 11 gets in on the recycling act. On a recent walk through of our school we spotted much evidence of recycling taking place. It seems that all of our teachers and staff are reducing, reusing and recycling.

Ms. Donnelly- Science Cluster- uses old cardboard cartons to store students' notebooks.

Ms. Marino- Science Cluster- uses carpet remnants from the local carpet store for sitting mats at circle time.

Mrs. Rosch- Resource Teacher- uses milk crates as bookshelves.

Mrs. Hoffmann- Cluster Teacher- made musical instruments out of discarded plumbing pipes.

Mrs. Cryan- Secretary- cuts up scrap paper for the office to take phone messages.

All P.S. 11 rooms have separate garbage receptacles for disposable trash and paper. Our custodial staff is always eager to lend a helping hand when it comes to proper garbage disposal procedures.

P.S. 11 parents are also getting on board the recycling bus. At school events such as workshops and PTA meetings, the 3R's (reducing, reusing, recycling) are always on the agenda.

CHILDREN LEARN THE VALUE OF
RECYCLING THROUGH MUSIC AND
MOVEMENT

Really important to care for our earth

Everyone can help

Children do your part

You're on your way

Collect cans and bottles too

Littering destroys our planet

Earth is ours to care for

Written by
P.S. 11 students

Great piles of garbage

All piled up high

Really make us want to cry

But you can help

All of us can

Get started today

Earth day should be everyday

Written by
P.S. 11 students

Students in Kindergarten – third grade were taught the song **“Working On Trash!”**
(Sung to **“I’ve Been Working On The Railroad”**)

We’ve been working on recycling
All the trash we can.
We’ve been working on recycling,
It’s a very simple plan.
Separate your glass and paper,
Separate your plastic and tin.
Take the trash that you’ve recycled
To your recycling bin!

We’ve been working on reducing
All the trash we can.
We’ve been working on reducing,
It’s a very simple plan.
Don’t go wasting any products,
Use just exactly what you need.
Don’t buy things in extra wrapping,
Reduce and you’ll succeed.

We’ve been working on reusing
All the trash we can.
We’ve been working on reusing,
It’s a very simple plan.
If it’s a paper bag you’re using,
Don’t use it once, use it twice!
Give old clothes and toys to someone,
To reuse them would be nice!

Fifth graders learned about recycling through poetry.

The Earth Breathes

By: Gary Boswell

The Earth breathes in,
The Earth breathes out.
So long as there's not,
too much litter about.

Recycling

By: Rayna Hillman

Recycle all you can,
because earth is a very special land.
Recycle paper, pop and glass,
when you're at home,
or in your class.
Find a solution!
To stop pollution!

We Recycle

This is a sample of third grade posters made from scrap paper.



P.S. // you could recycle everyday

say



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Dear Parents,

Everything old is new again!! In keeping with P.S. 11's recycling program, we are organizing a Kindergarten Book Swap.

We are asking each Kindergarten child to bring in a "gently used" picture or storybook that they wish to trade. Every child who brings in a book will receive another book in its place.

This exciting event will take place on Thursday, March 27, 2003. Please send in the book with your child by Monday, March 24, 2003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Donnelly
Ms Marino
Science Teachers

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I have read the notice regarding the book swap and my child will participate.

Parent's Signature _____

Dear Parents and Students:

Students need to become aware of the environmental concerns of the earth. In order to do so, class 5-521 is participating in the Staten Island Ecology Fair this year. We will be representing P.S. 11. All students are required to complete a project within the guidelines mentioned below. The fair will take place on Saturday, May 3 at the Staten Island Mall. All projects are to be in school by *Monday, April 28*.

Topic: Making Trash Useful

Objective: Students will use creative means to make a project out of something they would normally throw away.

Materials: clean trash, index cards, pencil, imagination (includes any other materials you may need)

Procedure: Students will take something they would normally throw away and create something useful out of it. Once they have a finished product, on index cards, they will explain what they made, why they made it and the importance of recycling old things to make new ones.

Suggestions: make a birdhouse out of a milk carton, a lunch bag out of fabric scraps, a puppet out of an egg carton and some toilet paper tubes.

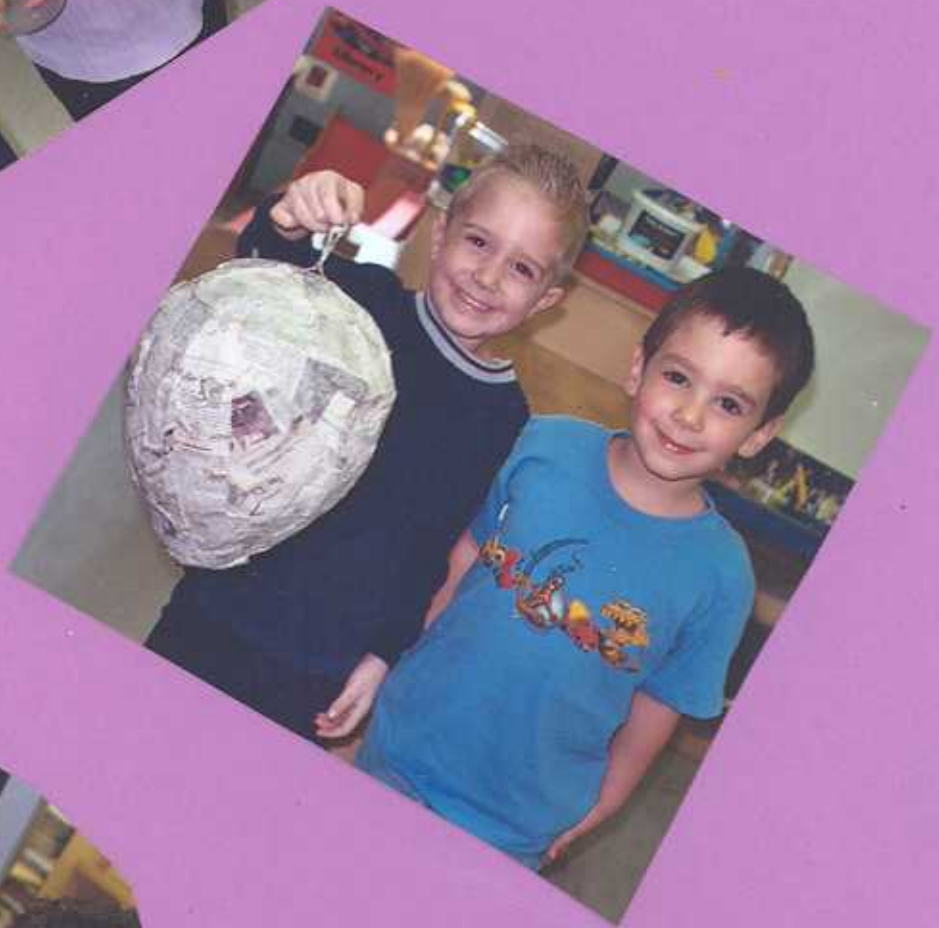
The projects will be displayed at the Staten Island Mall on Saturday, May and the students will be invited to come and represent the school. Please sign the bottom of this and return it to school. I am looking forward to seeing how creative my students can be.

Sincerely,
Miss Nelsen

I have read and understand the above information regarding the Ecology Fair. My son/daughter will hand in a completed project on the due date, *Monday, April 28*.

X _____ Date _____

The children of P.S. 11 take part in many activities and projects where the emphasis is reducing, reusing and recycling. Every grade participates. The photographs you will see are of P.S. 11 students doing their part to help reduce the waste on the Earth.



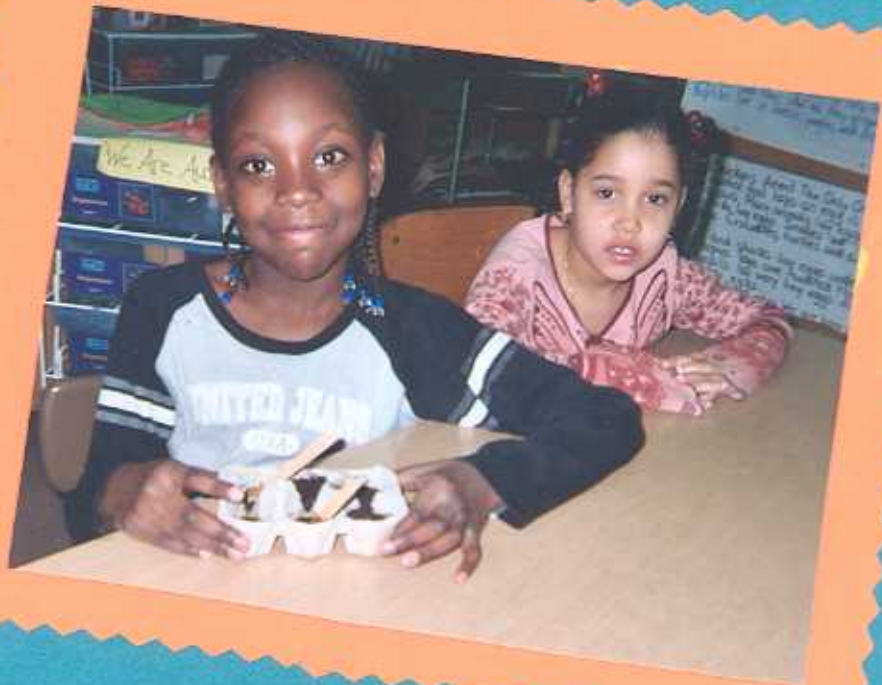
Pre-K children enjoyed making piñatas and flowers out of newspapers and egg cartons.



Kindergarten children showing off their new books received at the book swap.



**First and second graders
found many uses for old egg
cartons.**



**Think before you toss—
it's not all garbage!**



**Make sure you throw that
can in the recycling pail.**





REUSING

REDUCING



RECYCLING

P.S. 11 embraces the philosophy that not all trash is really trash.

Many items that we plan to throw away can actually be reused to make new things. By reducing the amount of non-biodegradable trash disposed of at our school, we are helping to ensure a healthier Earth for all children.

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Name of participating students, classes and staff:
All students and staff contribute to our recycling program.