



Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

LETTER OF THE DAY

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BOOKS TO SHARE

I Stink!
by Kate McMullan

A Smelly Story
by Erica Farber

Trashy Town
by Andrea Zimmerman

We Are Water Protectors
by Carole Lindstrom

Super Manny Cleans Up!
by Kelly DiPucchio

The Earth Book
by Todd Parr

Joseph Had A Little Overcoat
by Simms Taback

*There Was An Old Woman
Who Lived In A Shoe*
by Jane Cabrera

*I Am Not A Toilet Paper Roll:
The Recycling Project Book
(non-fic)*
by Dynamo Limited

*Smash! Mash! Crash! There
Goes The Trash!*
by Barbara Odanaka

*Recycle!: A Handbook For
Kids (non-fic)*
by Gail Gibbons

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

Are You Littering?
[Tune: "Are You Sleeping?"]

Are you littering?
Are you littering?
Don't do that.
Don't do that.
Throw it the can please,
Throw it in the can please,
Toss it in.
Toss it in.

E-A-R-T-H
[Tune: "B-I-N-G-O"]

There is a planet we call home
And "Earth" is its name.
E-A-R-T-H
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E-A-R-T-H
And "Earth" is its name.

We must all work to care for her,
To keep her safe and clean,
E-A-R-T-H
E-A-R-T-H
E-A-R-T-H
This planet we call home.

"Big Yellow Taxi" by Joni Mitchell (1970)

ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Garbage/Trash"



The sign for "garbage" is based on the idea of showing a garbage bag hanging from your arm. Move pointer finger in an arc on the non-dominant, flat arm.

Recycle

[Tune: "Itsy Bitsy Spider"]

Reduce, reuse, recycle
These are words we know.
We have to save our planet
So we can live and grow.

Recycling Song

[Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

Save, save, save the cans,
Throw them in the bin.
We can help to save the Earth
If we all pitch in.

[Verses: the paper; the bottles; the plastics]

Five Cartons Of Milk On The Wall

Five cartons of milk on the wall,
Five cartons of milk,
Put one in the recycling bin,
Four cartons of milk on the wall . . .

[Verses: count down to "no more"]

Five Little Garbage Trucks [fingerplay]

Five little garbage trucks, painted green,
Picking up trash to keep the town clean.
They work and they work until they fill up —
Now one of the garbage truck drives to the dump!

[count down from five; "now all of the garbage trucks are resting at the dump!"]

MORE FUN!

DIY Tin Can Drums

Materials:

Empty, clean tin can
Balloon
Duct tape
Scissors
(Optional) rubber band
(Optional) wooden dowel or chopstick for 'drumstick'



Cut the bottom 2/3 off of balloon.

Stretch remaining balloon over opening of can and secure with rubber band and/or heavy-duty tape.

(Optional) You can decorate the exposed metal part of the can with paper, tape, stickers, etc. but if you leave the ribbed areas uncovered, you will have two instruments in one!

This drum allows children to practice their patterning and sequencing skills through music (example -- 'tap, pause, tap, tap, pause, tap, pause, tap, tap, pause').

There are MANY types of crafts that can be made with upcycled materials. Check out our juvenile non-fiction crafting books for more ideas!

Separating types of recyclables together is a great way to help build your child(ren)'s **sense of 'same/different'** -- a **critical early learning skill.**

Earth Day is celebrated around the world every year on April 22nd. Visit kid-friendly resources like "Earth Day -- National Geographic Kids" for information and activity ideas.

Brainstorm a list with your child of other words that begin with the letter "G."

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