



April Enrichment Newsletter

April 1st - Our earth should be protected so its precious resources can be available to us for many years to come. It is never too early to start teaching children the importance of keeping our planet clean and learning how to reduce, reuse, and recycle. We begin with decorating a Reusable Tote Bag: Many people are now turning to reusable bags, found in nearly every grocery store, as an alternative to the traditional paper or plastic. Your little one will be proud to use her tote to transport toys or carry lunches and snacks.

April 8th - According to Zerowasteamerica.org, there are more than 13,000 old and active landfills in the United States that contain waste material that cannot be recycled and has nowhere to go until it decomposes -- if it can decompose at all. We will transform an empty plastic milk jug into a bird feeder by cutting a hole in the side of the jug and filling the jug with birdseed before hanging on a tree. **Please send in a clean 1 gallon milk jug!**

April 15th - We will go on an Earth Day Scavenger Hunt We will have a list of items for your child to collect outdoors, like pinecones, leaves, flowers, rocks, and sticks. Add items like plastic bottles or paper cups. We will walk around the church grounds. When all the items on the list have been gathered, talk about what role they have and the impact they make on the surrounding environment. For example, sticks are gathered by birds to make nests to live in and flowers have nectar that bees carry back to their hives to make honey. Paper and plastic items, on the other hand, are litter that do not belong in nature and should always be recycled so they don't continue to pollute or harm the environment.

April 29th - April Art Recycled water bottle Chihuly sculpture group project! **Please send in DRY Water bottles!** We will also be making our favorite cereal box into a take home puzzle. **Please send in your child's EMPTY favorite cereal box with their name on the back.**

Happy Earth Day! Monday April 22nd 2019 Protect Our Species...

Mrs. Craft, Mrs. Dominy, and Mrs. Illum

"In nature, nothing exists alone." — Rachel Carson, 1962