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RECYCLING BROWN PAPER BAG

Concept: Responsible use of RESOURCES, ONE RESOURCE at a TIME, is STEWARDSHIP. In what way do students already understand this concept? (clothes from older siblings, lunch pails instead of paper bags, using both sides of paper before discarding, etc).

Objectives: EACH PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY RECYCLING!

Discussion about how each student already recycles:

- At home: bottles and cans returned for deposit; donation to Goodwill of clothing
- At school: receptacles for different recycling items, fundraising opportunities collecting newspapers, bottle tops, soup labels, etc.

Required Materials:

- LARGE BROWN PAPER BAG

Alternate SHOW AND TELL: present other items produced by recycling (example: TerraCycle products; do students have any of them? Suggest teacher has some on hand before lesson) to aid in discussion about recycling).

- Distribute BROWN PAPER BAG to each student
- Discuss uses, how they may be reused after groceries are unloaded.

Directions for Recycling a Brown Paper Bag:

1. Unfold the bottom of the grocery bag by carefully tearing it open. Cut off the bottom of the bag at the last fold. (For younger students, this part can be done ahead of time by the teacher).
2. If advertisement is on the bag: Flatten the bag and carefully cut along one side to fully open the bag. Turn bag inside out, so any advertisement will be hidden and tape cut seam together again. If there is no advertisement, proceed to Step 3.
3. Smooth the bag along all the seams to make the bag as flat as possible.
4. Measure 3 inches from the top edge of bag (not the open side of bag). Fold the bottom edge up to this mark and press the bottom seam to smooth it. The folder will measure about 11" x 14" when finished.
5. Tape or staple the side edges to complete the new folder.
6. If you present the NEWSPAPER PENCIL with this project, have each student write his name as artistically and BOLDLY as possible on the top portion of the file folder with the NEWSPAPER PENCIL. If you present the NEWSPAPER PENCIL information another time, put name on the back of the folder.
7. Decorate the folder with REDUCE, RECYCLE, REUSE theme artwork, images cut out of magazines, or actual examples of recycled items. (See TerraCycle for item ideas and TreeSmart for recycled colored pencils for artwork ideas).

USE FOLDER TO KEEP ACTIVITIES RELATED TO RECYCLE THEME

