

WEEK 23 Respecting Our Environment



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Wise Ol' Wilbur is teaching kindergartners this week that “the *environment* is meant for you and me!” Your child is cultivating respect for our environment by learning how to conserve electricity, water and food in the following ways:

- Turning off lights when not in use.
- Turning off the water faucet when it is not in use.
- Flushing the toilet only when it needs to be flushed.
- Not taking large portions of food or drink that won't be eaten.

Here are a few ways you can reinforce what your child is learning at school:

- Write each of the following statements on a slip of paper and add them to your “Just Act Respectfully” jar. These are examples of things your child can do to show respect for our environment. Each night, pull one slip from the jar and help your child share the appropriate way to respond.

- When you leave the room, remember to...
Turn off the lights.
- When you are brushing your teeth you should....
Turn off the water until you need to rinse.
- Flush the toilet only...
When it needs flushing; toilets are not for playing.
- When you are serving your plate, you should...
Take only what you can eat or drink.

- As a family, choose a service project that encourages resourcefulness rather than wastefulness. For example, participate in a coat or clothes drive or make holiday gifts out of recycled materials for the elderly in a nursing home.
- Remind your child to limit waste when eating. For example, teach him not to grab unnecessary packs of condiments or napkins that will just get thrown away. Remind your child to take or order only as much food as he can eat or suggest that he share a meal with you or a friend.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what CONSCIENTIOUS and RESOURCEFUL mean.

CONSCIENTIOUS—Diligently careful
RESOURCEFUL—Using my imagination to fix everyday problems

