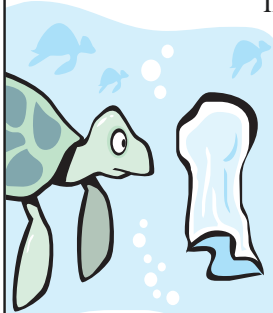




WATCH YOUR WASTE!

Litter Can Kill

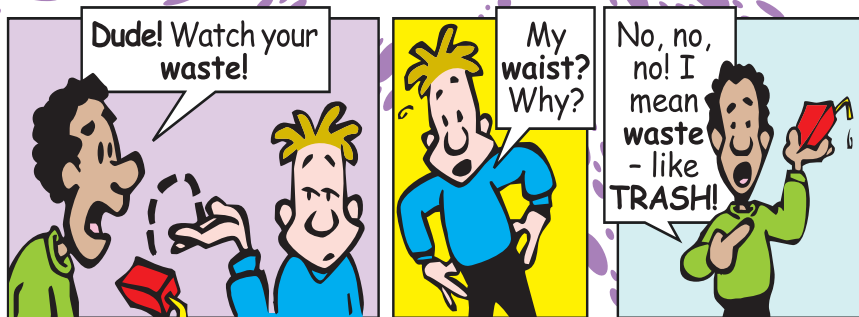
Not only does litter look ugly, it can cause serious harm to wild animals – even to animals that live far away from where the litter was first dropped. Some litter looks like food. Other litter can tangle animals, leaving them trapped so that they can't find food or escape predators.



Litter can wash into rivers and streams and be carried to oceans and bays. There, birds, sea turtles and even whales can become entangled. Sea turtles

mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and try to eat them. Eating plastic bags is very dangerous for any animal.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living things cause changes in the environment and some of these changes are detrimental to other organisms.



Problem Poppers

Do you like helium-filled balloons? They are fun to _____ and bat around.

When these balloons are let loose, they float up into the air and seem to _____. But they don't.

Ultimately these balloons lose their _____ and fall back to earth as litter. Some end up in the _____ where marine animals, especially sea turtles, eat them. The swallowed balloons can block air _____ or get caught in the animal's _____. Either way, balloons can be dangerous.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words and sentences.

Litter Hunt

Circle all of the litter hidden in the park. Draw a line from the litter to where it should go.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions. Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

YOU Can Help Stop Litter!

Circle the things you can do to keep your community clean and beautiful.



Standards Link: Health: Understand and participate in community environmental issues.

Read and sign this pledge and keep it where you can see it every day!

OFFICIAL WASTE WATCHER PLEDGE

I promise not to litter.

I promise to do my part to keep my community clean and beautiful.

I promise to recycle.

Signature _____

Date _____

Double Double Word Search

TANGLE
LITTER
WASTE
PARK
PLASTIC
CLEAN
BLOCK
ANIMAL
WHALES
FLOAT
FOOD
BAYS
HELIUM
EAT
FINE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

E Q J R E T T I L C
A W C L E A N S A I
M A P B N V Y W M T
U S B G S A K H I S
I T L W B E Z R N A
L E O T A O L F A L
E T C A F R O A T P
H F K N O O C A H K
E N I F D M E P R W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BALLOON SAFETY TIPS

Replace the missing words.

INDOORS
HOLES
ENTANGLED
FLOAT
REMOVE
TIED

Keep Mylar balloons _____.

Outside, a Mylar balloon

needs to be _____

down or attached to a weight.

When getting rid of Mylar

balloons, make sure to poke

_____ in them to be

sure left over helium

doesn't cause them to

_____ and blow

around if the garbage

container is overturned.

If a Mylar balloon, kite or

any object becomes

_____ in an

overhead power line, call

9-1-1 or 1-800-743-5000.

Do not try to _____

it yourself.



Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all of the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

W				
A			W	
S		W		
T	W			
E				W

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: FINE

One meaning of the word **fine** is a sum of money that someone is ordered to pay for breaking law.

The girl was **fin**ed for dropping litter in the park.

Try to use this meaning of the word **fine** in a sentence today when talking with your friends or family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Homonym Hunt

Waste and *waist* sound the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are called **homonyms**. Look through today's newspaper and find 5 or more sets of homonyms.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Recognize and use homonyms.



What did the dirt say to the rain?

ANSWER: "If this keeps up, my name will be mud."

Write On!

If I Were a Teacher

How would you set up your classroom? What rules would you have? What subject would you teach?