

Love Our Planet



Some people call our planet "Mother Earth." Like a mother, our planet provides us with the things that give us life – like food and water. Mother Earth gives us more than food and water – she gives us beautiful flowers, places to walk and even majestic mountains to enjoy.

What are three things you love about Planet Earth?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Trash your mother?

The amount of trash people dump on Mother Earth each year is enormous. This causes problems for people, animals and the environment.



Each year people dump more than 2 billion tons of waste. That's the weight of about 5,480 Empire State Buildings!

If all this waste was put on trucks, a line of those trucks would go around the world 24 times!

This holiday season you can give a gift to your planet by taking the "Love My Planet Pledge." Sign the Pledge, cut it out and keep it somewhere you can see it everyday. It will help remind you of how you can care for Mother Earth everyday!

Love My Planet Pledge

- I will try to buy goods with little or no packaging. Less packaging, less trash!
- I will wipe up spills with a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- I will use the Sunday comics to wrap presents.
- I will recycle as much trash as I can!
- I will not leave the refrigerator door open for long periods of time.
- I will use re-usable containers for my lunch.
- I will pick up litter!

Signed _____

Find the two identical trees.



Extra! Extra! Who loves our planet?

Look through the newspaper for the names of people and groups who are caring for our planet. Select one and send a letter thanking them for what they do to care for our home.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Nellie Fly is looking for news about kids helping the environment. She saw some kids cleaning up a playground in their neighborhood.



Read the notes in Nellie Fly's reporter's notebook. Then write a short news article about the playground clean-up project.

Reporter's Notes

Who: Josh, Sam and Emily

What: Picked up trash and planted plants at their neighborhood playground and put up a sign reading: "Please Keep Our Park Clean."

Where: The neighborhood playground

When: Last weekend

Why: Emily - "I was tired of seeing all the trash, so I asked my friends to help me clean it up."
 Josh - "And, there were things that could hurt little kids."
 Sam - "Now the playground looks cleaner and safer!"

Write the news article on the lines below or on a separate piece of paper.

HEADLINE _____

BY: _____
 YOUR NAME _____

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write expository compositions (e.g., develop the topic with simple facts, details, examples and explanations).

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PLEDGE**

The noun **pledge** means a solemn promise or undertaking.

The Planet Pledge reminds everyone to take care of Mother Earth.

Try to use the word **pledge** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

What if the plants and animals fought back against pollution?

Hey, kid! You left this at the beach yesterday!

Litterbugs would get some surprising visitors.

Styrofoam plates? You brought styrofoam plates?!? You folks will have to camp somewhere else.

Trees would be park rangers.

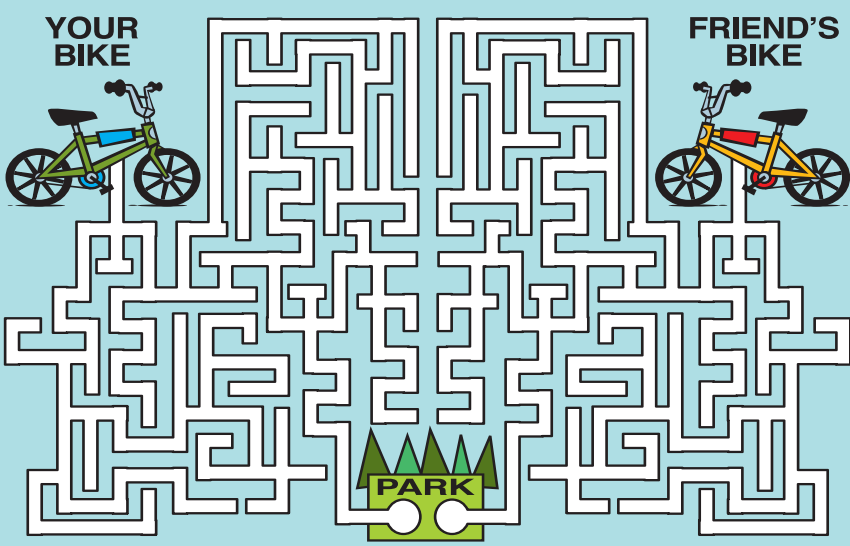
It's a very smoggy day and you're driving the two blocks to the store instead of walking. I'm afraid I'll have to write you a ticket, sir.

Birds would help clear the air.

Draw your idea of an animal fighting pollution here.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

One way to love the planet is by walking or riding your bike to get places. Race a friend to see who can get to the park fastest!



Kid Scoop Word Search

- PACKAGING
- ENORMOUS
- PROBLEMS
- RECYCLE
- MOTHER
- PLANET
- LITTER
- PLEDGE
- EARTH
- WASTE
- LUNCH
- WRAP
- CARE
- PICK
- LOVE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Planet Points of View

Find an article that shows a way in which people harm or care for our planet. Re-write the article from the point of view of a wild animal that would be affected by the news in this article.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level expository text.



How many movie stars does it take to change a light bulb?

ANSWER: One, but he only takes one step up the ladder and then his stunt double takes over.

Write On!

Holiday Traditions

What does your family do to celebrate the winter holidays? Which is your favorite holiday tradition?

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