

Earth Day Challenge Ideas

By Island Avenue School Students



Winning Idea by Charlotte from Mrs. Vitale's class: Making notepads by using paper from the recycling bin. Notepads would be made by punching two holes into the top of each piece of paper and then lacing them together with ribbon or string. Notepads could be used by students, staff and families.

Earth Day Ideas:

- Save paper by providing all students with laptops and having all work done on computers.
- Making notebooks for Spanish, Math and other subjects from the backs of used paper, then recycling the notebooks when finished.
- Making a scrap bin of paper for Mr. Gallo to use in his art collages.
- Sending community flyers home to only one child in a family.
- Make pulp out of recycled paper and transform the pulp into new paper.
- Use Red Wiggler Worms to eat used paper and then sell the worm waste as fertilizer to garden centers.
- Use a new recycle company that recycles color paper too, and have a contest to see which classroom recycles the most paper.
- Have each student create a "recycle folder" to save all their papers in till the end of the day, and then have students empty their folder in the recycling bin each day, and have prizes for those students who really do this consistently.
- Having hand dryers in the bathrooms instead of paper towels.
- Create an online homework and assignment site and post the homework there to eliminate the use of homework paper.
- Use both sides of the paper!
- Use paper from the recycling bin to do drawings on.
- Create binders out of used homework papers by punching 3 holes in them and then having students use the binders for their work.