

REUSABLE CLOTH BAG

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! Your students will practice the “Reuse” part of the three R’s of conservation. Each child receives a canvas bag to decorate with fabric markers. This is a perfect complement to Earth Day studies. The bag can be used to carry books, groceries, recyclables, or lunches.

Prior to our visit, you may want to discuss the following:

- ❖ How have your students reused things (from milk jugs to cardboard boxes to magazine pages) by turning them into something new?
- ❖ What ways do your students and their families reduce their impact on the environment? (biking instead of taking a car, turning off the water while brushing their teeth)
- ❖ How do your students reuse things in your classroom or at home? Do they save scraps of paper and tissue boxes for art projects and do they pass the clothes they have grown out of down to younger family members?
- ❖ Recycling for our household items now comes to many of our doors along with the trash trucks. Do your students know which typical household items can be recycled and which cannot? (soup can – yes, ice cream container – maybe)

Educational Standards

- Develop and apply knowledge, perspective, vision, skills, and habits of mind necessary to make personal and collective decisions and take actions that promote sustainability
- Develop listening skills by following simple directions
- Create works of art with a variety of media, techniques and processes
- Understand the characteristics and merits of one's own artwork and the artwork of others
- Apply decision-making techniques and concepts of measurement
- Effectively use mental processes that are based on identifying similarities and differences