

CreationStation goes green

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A SIGNATURE SERVICE OF **RNL** Read for Literacy

As part of **Creation Station Goes Green**, your child was given information about reading, science and math. *The Earth Book* is a book written by Todd Parr that your child might like to read at home with you as an extension of our day together. Below are some questions you can ask, experiments you can try and a few other ideas to have fun with a book at home.

Enjoy reading together!

What You Need: *The Earth Book* by Todd Parr

The Earth Book explores the subject of environmental protection and conservation. It includes lots of easy, smart ideas on how we can all work together to make the Earth feel good - from planting a tree and using both sides of the paper, to saving energy and reusing old things in new ways.

Optional Items:

- Empty paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers
- Curling Ribbon
- Stapler or Glue
- Tape
- Yarn or String
- Scissors
- Hole punch (can use scissors if you don't have a hole punch)

What You Can Do:

READ *The Earth Book* together. You can read the book to your child, you can take turns reading the pages, or your child can read the book to you. **ASK** your child to tell you what he or she learned from the book about how to protect the earth.

Questions You Might **ASK**:

- What can you do to protect the trees?
- What can you do to protect the water?
- How can you help keep the air clean?
- How can you help to save energy?
- What is recycling?
- How can we make "trash" into something new?

EXPERIMENT WITH REDUCING WASTE: Create Toys with Recycled Materials

You can reduce waste by creating toys and art with recycled items such as paper tubes, newspaper, recycled magazines, or scraps of yarn. You can experiment with making a magic wand and binoculars using recycled materials by following the instructions below.



Make Your Own Princess Presto Wand

Instructions: Gather an empty paper towel roll, crayons, markers and stickers. Encourage your child to decorate the paper towel roll with the markers, crayons or stickers. Your child can also add ribbon, yarn or streamers to one of the ends of the paper tube so that it looks like sparks of magic coming out of the wand! If you have any clear packing tape, wrap the outside of the wand with it to secure the stickers and ribbons. Encourage your child to use his/her wand to **RETELL** his/her favorite *Super Why!* story or to use his/her wand to point to words and spell them out.

Make Binoculars

Instructions: First, glue or staple two toilet paper rolls together, side by side. Next, wrap tape around the two tubes to form the binoculars. Then, use a hole-punch or scissors to make a hole on each side of the binoculars on the outside of each roll. Next, tie the end of an 18-20 inch strand of yarn or string through each hole. The yarn should be long enough to hang loosely around the neck. Young children should only use the binoculars when supervised to avoid danger of choking.



Encourage your child to use his/her binoculars to go on an “I Spy” Nature Walk. Children can draw pictures and write about what they see on their walk on paper. Children may even want to create a homemade nature journal to keep track of their discoveries.

TRY IT! HAVE FUN!

INVESTIGATE OTHER BOOK TITLES THAT YOU CAN READ:

1. *We are Extremely Very Good Recyclers* by Bridget Hurst
2. *Love Your World : How to Take Care of the Plants, the Animals, and the Planet* by Dawn Sirett
3. *My Forever Dress* by Harriet Ziefert

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