

Hi Shore Center Students & Families!

We hope this message finds you all well. We wanted to share some ideas with you to keep our <u>GREEN TEAM</u> initiative going while learning from home! Parents, if your student is not a reader, please read and share this information with your entire family. We hope you find this information helpful and that it provides you with some fun, engaging activities for the whole family to do while focusing on our planet.

A message from Miss Kerra:

I just want to review recycling basics for your home! For more detailed information go to your town's website for specific town regulations. For example, my town only recycles plastics labeled 1 & 2. Therefore, we must look for the recycling symbol and number on each plastic.

All recycled materials must be clean and dry! This means no food residue at all. You must wash out your items before recycling. If it has food residue or grease, it can not be recycled and must go into regular trash. Do not plastic bag your recyclables, put them loosely into containers.

Recycling into four main categories (see photo attached at end of the doc):

- 1. Plastics, aluminum cans, glass
- 2. Mixed paper/newspaper
- 3. Cardboard boxes, including cereal boxes, snack boxes, etc.
- 4. Natural Compost or Food Disposal- if you have a food disposal in your sink

Other ways to <u>REDUCE</u>, <u>REUSE</u>, <u>RECYCLE</u>:

- 1. One way to reduce is to reuse. Instead of using plastic shopping bags, bring reusable shopping bags (keep some handy in your car)
- 2. Try to remember to bring and use reusable water bottles (instead of buying plastic ones)
- 3. Be mindful not to use single use plastics/items, including silverware, straws, paper plates
- 4. Start recycling at home, school, community- anywhere it's available!
- 5. Go paperless where you can!
- 6. Buy second-hand toys, clothes, etc. & donate old items instead of trashing them

A message from your Art teacher:

Mrs. Jacqui here with some fun ideas for you to try while at home!

Stuck at home with lots of empty boxes and containers from food that's been eaten (and toilet paper rolls, I bet!)? What a great opportunity to learn about the importance of **<u>RECYCLING</u>** and ways you can get creative with these reusable materials!

What items can be recycled? PAPER, CARDBOARD, METAL, GLASS, PLASTIC

For the next week, you and your family could collect recyclable items and use them to create a piece of art! Note: I would NOT recommend using glass, but many other items can be repurposed (which means reused in a purposeful way).

Here are some items you could use:

- Toilet paper cardboard tubes
- Paper towel cardboard tubes
- Egg cartons
- Empty tissue boxes
- Plastic jugs (milk, detergent, juice, etc)*
- Empty aluminum cans*
- Empty boxes of cereal or snacks
- Plastic bottles*
- Empty cups or bowls (like the ones used for fruit cups and mac 'n cheese!)*
- Lids and bottle caps*
- Any type of cardboard
- Newspaper, magazines, flyers
- Smaller plastic items, such as straws, forks, spoons, etc.*

<u>*Please make sure to thoroughly wash out any containers that had food or cleaning agents in them.*</u>

With the help of an adult, you can cut these materials into whatever shape you'd like. Some photos of others' art pieces are attached at the end of this doc.

Here are some ways you can attach the parts of your robot:

- Hot glue (ask an adult to help you with this!)
- Craft glue
- School glue
- Masking tape
- Duct tape
- Packing tape
- Thinner materials could even be stapled

What can I make using these materials?

- A robot
- An animal
- An insect
- A house or building
- A car, truck, train
- A town
- An astronaut
- A person you know, maybe yourself!
- A superhero or cartoon character
- An abstract design (meaning that it doesn't have to be a specific thing, but can just be a creative design using different shapes and colors!)
- You are SO creative, so you decide what you'd like to make!

What's next:

- If you made a person or animal-Add a face? Hair? Clothes?
- If you made a house or building- Add windows, a door, a chimney, etc.
- Paint your creation using whatever paint you have around if you'd like OR leave it unpainted and glue or tape smaller recycled items to it, such as bottle caps, plastic lids, cut up pieces of cardboard.
- If you don't have paint and want to make it more colorful, you can always rip up colorful pages of a magazine or newspaper and decoupage it on using watered down glue and a paintbrush!

When you are all done, please send me a photo of your masterpiece! We would LOVE to see what you made and will share your creations with your school friends and teachers!

If you need any help at all, feel free to e-mail me at <u>jmarra@theshorecenter.org</u> or message me on my Google Classroom!

Website	Description	Login/Access
https://www3.epa.gov/recycle city/	Recycling Games & Activities	Free access via link
https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=vNyv4fGRO5o	Kid Friendly video explaining recycling different items	Free access via link
https://www.naturespath.com/ en-us/blog/19-activities-kids-l earn-recycling/	19 Activities to learn about recycling	Free access via link
https://handsonaswegrow.co	15 Activities to learn about	Free access via link

Have fun, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay **<u>GREEN</u>** for our planet!

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