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Resources At Your Fingertips: Craft Corner

RECYCLED CRAYONS



It's hard to believe that March is already here! There are so many things to celebrate this month but it's important that we celebrate environmental stewardship. We would like to applaud the efforts of all of the schools within the City of St. Louis who have participated in our Recycling Education programs. Keep up the good work. Thank you for helping keep our city a cleaner and greener place to live.

Thanks!



This craft was a crowd favorite for Valentines Day! Children began to grasp the concept of "resource, not waste" by recycling one of the most frequently used materials by small children, CRAYONS!

Supplies:

- * Broken Crayons
- * Heart- shaped metal cookie or muffin tin



Directions:

1. Heat your oven to 250
2. Fill each mold with crayon pieces and bake until the crayons melt, about 10 to 15 minutes. Tip: Place a sheet pan under the crayons to catch any drips.
3. Once they're cool, remove the hearts from the molds and smooth any rough edges by rubbing them on a piece of scrap paper.

This fun craft can be created for any holiday of your choice or to use as party favors.



 We would like to express our gratitude to the following schools and youth groups:

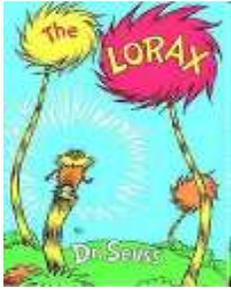
- * Better Learning Communities
- * Columbia Elementary
- * Clyde C. Miller Career Academy
- * Dewey International Studies
- * HopeBuild
- * Imagine Academy of Careers Elementary
- * Meramec Elementary
- * Metro High School
- * Nottingham School
- * Stix ECC
- * South Side Day Nursery
- * St. Ambrose Scouts Pack 212
- * St. John the Baptist Elementary
- * Wilkinson ECC
- * Woerner Elementary
- * Woodward Elementary

Special Thanks to Mrs. Turney's 3rd grade class for the Recycled Artwork



Check out more Recycling Craft ideas at www.familyfun.com

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"Read for the trees"

Celebrating Read Across America Day March 2nd
The theme is green for a very special 2012 Read Across America celebration.

If you're reading *The Lorax* for Read Across America Day and looking for lesson plans

and materials, there are plenty of resources available, including The Lorax Project from Dr. Seuss, Lorax family literacy bags from Reading Rockets, and ReadWriteThink.org. Check out the NEA website for more details: www.nea.org

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Read for the trees! Whether it's planting a Truffala tree forest, reading garden, or having the Lorax lead your reading parade, don't forget to share your plans for celebrating NEA's Read Across America Day on their pledge site.

<http://www.readacrossamerica.org/>

The Lorax: The Movie

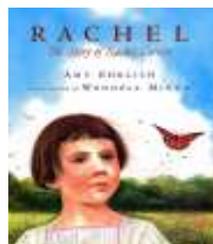
hits theaters March 2nd.

It's time for your class to start working on the sequel! But before a sequel can appear on the big screen, it needs a story. Read *The Lorax* aloud to your class and then work together to map the plot of the story. Have students make suggestions for plausible cause-and-effect chains that could continue the story of the Lorax, the Once-ler, and the Boy willing to pay.



From Our Lending Library: The Story of Rachel Carson

To help celebrate Womens' History Month in March, The City of St. Louis Recycling Program would like to pay tribute to one of the pioneers of environmental education, Rachel Carson. This featured book from our lending library, tells the life story of Rachel Carson, whose book *Silent Spring* began the U.S. environmental movement. As a child, Rachel was full of curiosity and wonder. A lover of nature and a trained scientist, she grew up to write books about her passions, one of which changed the world.



Featured Website: "SUESSVILLE"

For more games and activities for children as well as lesson plans related to *The Lorax* and environmental issues check out

the following website.

<http://origin-www.seussville.com/loraxproject/>

Resources At Your Fingertips: Grants

Siemen's We Can Change the World Challenge

The purpose of the Siemens "We Can Change the World Challenge" is to enable K-12 students to identify and solve local environmental problems, utilize their creativity, and involve their communities. The Challenge is also aimed at promoting good use of science practice. Challenge teams should consist of a teacher or other adult mentor and 2-3 students. Prizes vary among grade levels and include money, a Discovery Adventure trip, technology, and much more.

Grant Proposal Deadline: March 15, 2012

For more info visit:

<http://www.wecanchange.com/>

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