

Upcycled Musical Instruments

Eco-Schools Topic:

Consumption & Waste

Grade Level:

Grades K-8

Standards:

N/A

Guiding Question:

How can I reuse my trash creatively?

Key Questions, Attitudes and Behaviors to Teach:

- Circle items that can be recycled in the recycling bin (K)



- Throwing away trash can hurt the planet (A)
- I like to reuse things before they are thrown away (A)
- I upcycle (make crafts out of trash) at home (B)

Materials/ Prep:

- Collect scissors, tape/ glue
- Recycled/ trash materials that can be upcycled
- Look up some examples online of upcycled musical instruments and collect appropriate supplies
- Music (optional)/ or Musician
- Duct tape or hot glue gun
- Laptops (per small group) to show the powerpoint introduction
- Newspaper
- Rubber Bands

Engaging Intro

- Go over the 4 R's- refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle- *use the powerpoint located next to recycling relay on the website as a guide.*
- Why do we want to prevent producing trash?



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- Review what is and isn't recyclable- have items to hold up as visual representation:
 - Plastic water bottle, paper, chip bag, plastic grocery bag, aluminum cans, etc. Answer questions under "**Key Questions, Attitudes and Behaviors to Teach**"
- Review: What can student do?
- Today, we'll be focusing on the third R- reuse.

Exploratory Activity

- Split groups up with different leaders
- Allow the kids to be creative and come up with different musical instruments
- Make a space where a musician can play his/her instrument and the kids can play along (optional: music).
- Leave 10 minutes for clean up

Meaningful Discussion

- Ask questions in groups:
 - What's one thing that you want to make now from upcycled materials?
 - Why is it important that we reduce our waste?

Links and Resources



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