# Earth Week

## Lesson Plan (2nd-3rd grade)

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<th>Morning Academic Time</th>
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| Monday    | Earth Day: Punctuate the Story  
Use the story in the supplemental resources. | What a Wonderful World!  
Use the world map to color and label the continents (and color the water blue).  
Find where you live and mark it with an X. | Visit Khan Academy  
[https://www.khanacademy.org/](https://www.khanacademy.org/)  
Is there a topic you need some extra help with? Complete a tutorial and practice problems. |
| Tuesday   | Write an Earth Day Acrostic Poem  
Use the template in the Supplemental Resources | Interview an older family member or friend about the changes they have noticed in the Earth since they were children.  
Consider writing a letter to future generations about what Earth is like now. | Listen to *Garbage Barge* on Storyline Online  
[https://www.storylineonline.net/books/garbage- barge/](https://www.storylineonline.net/books/garbage-barge/)  
Make a list of some ways you can reduce, reuse, and recycle |
| Wednesday | Earth Day Money Math Puzzle  
Use the worksheets in the supplemental resources. | Draw or paint what you would like a sustainable future to look like.  
Consider writing a creative story of what that world would look like.  
Display your story and picture | Explore the Scholastic Article “Space Trash Stats”  
Answer the data analysis questions at the end of the article |
| Thursday  | Readworks: A Day to Celebrate Earth  
Use reading in Supplemental Resources | Sing Some Earth Day songs and read poetry  
[http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems 51.html](http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/songspoems51.html) | Mystery Science “Why is there Sand at the Beach?”  
Use print-outs in Supplemental Resources |
| Friday    | Presenting Perimeter  
Use the worksheet in supplemental resources. | Teach Others using a POSTER!  
Decide what you want to teach people about recycling.  
Illustrate your point with humor by creating a poster.  
Ideas: Comics, Cartoon, Meme, Funny Billboard | Watch the Curious Kids Earth Day Special  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxvOLX_rdg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxvOLX_rdg)  
Write down 3 things you learned from the video. |
The End

Jett proudly asked, "Isn't it beautiful!

The bubbling creek

Creek listening to the birds and

Sat on the rocks around the

When they were done they

And put them in the trash bags

Bottles and old candy wrappers

The children picked up cans

said Jett. Let's go.

School. I've got the trash bags

the creek that flowed by their

Would clean up the trash around

The children decided they

Something to help the earth

In his teacher said let's all do

Celebrate the world that we love

Today is the day that we

Announced that it was Earth Day

One day Jett's teacher

Earth Day

Read the story and fill in the proper punctuation.
Color the Continents
Use the key to color in the map.

South America - PINK
Antarctica - ORANGE
North America - GREEN
Australia - BROWN
Asia - RED
Africa - YELLOW
Europe - PURPLE
Oceans - BLUE

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Acrostic Poem

In an acrostic poem, the first letter of each line spells out the subject of the poem. Write an acrostic poem for the word below.

Earth

E
A
R
T
H
Solve the equations below. Then, cut out the picture squares. Match the number printed on the picture squares to your answers below and glue them in place to unscramble the mystery picture. Color your picture.

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A Day to Celebrate Earth

Each year, Earth Day is celebrated in April. On Earth Day, millions of people will think of ways to stop pollution. They will talk about recycling and planting trees. People will look for ways to save energy and water.

Lend Earth a Helping Hand!

People have been celebrating Earth Day since 1970. Earth Day was started by a man named Gaylord Nelson. Nelson was a United States senator from Wisconsin. He was worried about the damage being done to the planet.

To celebrate Earth Day, people get together once a year to think about ways to protect Earth. But many people think that every day should be Earth Day. They say people should always work to stop and clean up the land and water.

Here are a few ways that you can help make every day Earth Day!

Don't Be a Litterbug!

Don't litter! Be a good example for other kids. If you see litter, pick it up and put it in trash cans or recycling bins.

Recycle!
Cans, bottles, and newspapers can be recycled. That means these objects are put through a special process so they can be used again.

Start a can recycling program at your school. Use the money you earn from returning the cans to buy new playground equipment or to have an Earth Day party.

Save a Tree, Plant a Tree!

Paper is made from trees. You can save a tree by not wasting paper. Use both sides.

Celebrate National Arbor Day by planting a tree. This holiday encourages people to plant and care for trees.

Don't Waste Water!

You can easily conserve, or save, water. Turn the faucet off while brushing your teeth and washing your face.

Save Energy!

Save electricity by turning off the lights when you leave a room. Do not leave a radio or TV on if you aren't using it.
1. Someone would read this passage to
   A. learn about the Earth.
   B. learn about trees.
   C. learn about the life of Gaylord Nelson.
   D. get information on how to best take care of the earth.

2. The author mentions Gaylord Nelson in this passage, because
   A. Nelson started Earth Day.
   B. Nelson started Arbor Day.
   C. Nelson was a senator.
   D. Nelson was from Wisconsin.

3. In the sentence, "If you see litter, pick it up and put it in trash cans or recycling bins,"
   the word litter can be replaced with the word or words
   A. milk cartons
   B. paper.
   C. trash.
   D. trees.

4. The author includes the part called, "Save a Tree, Plant a Tree,"
   A. to encourage people to save paper.
   B. to encourage people to plant trees.
   C. to teach people about Arbor Day.
   D. all of the above.

5. What would happen if humans did not take good care of the Earth?

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________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
Draw the river rocks

Name: ____________________

Draw rocks breaking up in the river, starting at the top of the mountain and ending at the ocean.
Presenting Perimeter

Perimeter
The distance around a figure.

To find the perimeter:
Add the length of each side together.

2 in.
1 in.  1 in.
2 in.

Perimeter = 1 in. + 1 in. + 2 in. + 2 in. = 6 in.

1.

Add the lengths of the sides and then write down the perimeter.

2 in.  2 in.

2.

3 in.  3 in.
3 in.  3 in.
3 in.  3 in.

3.

5 in.  5 in.

4.

3 in.  3 in.
3 in.  3 in.
3 in.  3 in.

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