



Reuse As An Alternative to Disposal*

Activity P.e/E.y

GRADE LEVELS: K-6

OBJECTIVE: To introduce children to the concept of reuse as an alternative to disposal

VOCABULARY: reuse

PROCEDURE:

Ask children how many uses they can think of for a large peanut butter jar or a coffee can. Write them on the board. Tell children that many things can be used again, or reused in the same or in different ways. Set up a “use-it-again” box for your classroom. Have the children paint, color, or paste pictures on it. Suggest that children place in it all materials that can be used again. Encourage children to contribute to the “use-it-again” box on a day-to-day bases. For example, paper that has only been used on one side can be used again for drawing paper, quiz sheets, etc. Craft items from home (egg cartons, margarine tubs, thread spools, etc.) Can also be brought in to make collages and other art projects.

* Adapted from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Let's Reduce and Recycle: Curriculum for Solid Waste Awareness