



The Importance Of Clean Air, Water, and Land*

Activity P.i/E.h

GRADE LEVEL: K-6

OBJECTIVE: To illustrate the importance of clean air, water, and land.

VOCABULARY: air, water, soil

MATERIALS: balloon, paper for folding fans, a glass of water, and a potted plant

PROCEDURE:

Ask a volunteer to blow up the balloon. Then let the air out slowly so that children can feel it with their hands. Explain to them that it is air that they feel.

- Why do we need air?

Have children take a deep breath to understand that without clean air we could not live. Have them make a fan out of folded paper tee how air can be moved and felt. Discuss with them the wind, airplanes, whistles — these all illustrate air and its movements.

Show them the water.

- Have children relate their experiences with water. Make a list on the board of all things they use water for.

Show them the potted plant.

- What grows in the soil?
- Does anyone have a garden?
- If we had no soil could we have any food?

Discuss with children why soil is necessary for our survival.

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