

January 27, 2009

Dear Families:

Our school will be taking part in a very exciting green educational opportunity for our students during National Green Week, February 2-6, 2009. The goal of this special assignment is for the children to learn firsthand how they, no matter how small, can make a huge difference in saving our planet's resources.

Our school will be joining over 2,000 schools across the nation during National Green Week with the combined goal to eliminate two million pounds of waste during this one week. Please visit www.nationalgreenweek.com for further information on this program.

National Green Week Overview

1. The last week in January the elementary children will help weigh all snack trash collected in their classrooms to determine the amount of trash accumulated each day from snacks leftovers.
2. We are encouraging the students to only use reusable snack and drink containers to carry snacks and drinks to school each day during National Green Week.
3. Your student(s) will weigh daily all the garbage collected in their classrooms snack waste.
4. On **Wednesday, February 4**, we will be going waste-free for the day. On this day, please send your child to school with reusable containers and trash-free packaging.
4. After National Green Week, we will tally the results of the before and after weights and announce them to the students and families.

Please review the following instructions carefully as it is important for the whole school to participate during National Green Week in order for the program to be successful.

Parents, this will take additional effort on your part, and we really do appreciate the additional time and efforts on your behalf.

Tips for National Green Week

- Shop ahead to purchase snacks and drinks in bulk.
- Don't forget to bring your reusable shopping bag; you may want to keep it on your front passenger seat so you remember to take it with you prior to going into the store.
- Discuss the process with your child, and practice recycling at home.

I would like to personally thank each of you for participating in this environmental educational program. I hope that you will use this exercise as a forum to discuss what living green means to your family and why it is so important for us to all take an active part in preserving our planet's resources.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me!

With best regards,

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