



Environment **May 2007**

Last month we celebrated Earth Day. Preschool and Kindergarten years are an important time to teach children how to take good care of the earth. Simple activities like picking up trash, using old things in new ways, and recycling cans are things they can do to take care of the earth. Another way children can help the earth is to plant a garden with you. Plants are very important to us. They make lots of oxygen for us to breathe. They make our earth a beautiful place.

VIEW

Curious George – Squirrel For a Day #109b

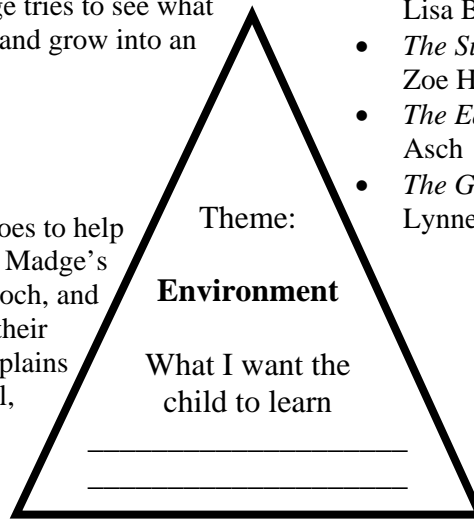
- Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.
- When Bill shows George how Jumpy Squirrel stores his food in the ground, George decides this is a pretty good idea and tries to store all the food in the country house in the ground too. The Man with the Yellow Hat rescues their supplies and tries to explain that they should only put things in the ground if they want them to grow. That sounds like another great plan. George tries to see what else might grow-will car keys grow into a car? Will a rubber band grow into an inner tube?

It's a Big, Big World – Down in the Dumps #117a

- Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
 - Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.
- It's spring cleaning time in the World Tree, but when Snook goes to help Madge, he finds that garbage is falling from the sky, right into Madge's front yard! He investigates and learns that Bob, Burdette, Smooch, and Winslow are also cleaning up – by dumping their trash out of their houses and down onto Madge's garden below. Once Snook explains to his little friends that they aren't really "cleaning up" after all, everyone heads to Madge's to help her clean up the mess and they come up with a better solution for throwing away the garbage – recycling!

READ

- *From Seed to Pumpkin* by Jan Kottke
- *Dandelions: Stars in the Grass* by Mia Posada
- *This is the Sunflower* by Lola M. Schaefer
- *Grow Flower Grow!* by Lisa Bruce
- *The Surprise Garden* by Zoe Hall
- *The Earth and I* by Frank Asch
- *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry



The Learning Triangle

DO

- Help your child clean up a park, school grounds, or yard.
- Sing environment songs. **Pick It Up!! (Tune: London Bridge)**

Keep our water safe and clean, safe and clean, safe and clean. Don't pollute your local stream, pick the trash up!	See the litter, pick it up, pick it up, pick it up. See the litter, pick it up, don't be a litter bug!
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- Teach your child counting by asking them to sort paper, plastic, and aluminum items that can be sorted into bins. Count how many are in each bin and put these items in order from big to little.
- Go on a nature walk. Have your child pick up objects from nature such as rocks, bark, grass, leaves, flowers, nuts, etc., and put them into a bag. As you walk, encourage your child to talk about what they see and hear in nature. Allow them to observe and ask questions. When you finish, work together to create a poster of items picked up on the nature walk.
- Talk with your child about saving water when washing hands, brushing teeth, and showering. Teach your child to sing their ABC's or "Happy Birthday" while washing their hands, and turn the water off as soon as they are done. Talk about what you can re-use or recycle in your house.
- Plant an inside garden with your child. Give your child a small cup full of dirt. Have your child plant seeds in the cup. Water the seeds daily. Keep a journal. Have your child draw pictures of what they see and talk about what they might see tomorrow.

Tip of the Month

Plan your child's viewing: Instead of flipping through the channels, use a program guide and the TV ratings to help you and your child choose shows. Turn the TV on to watch the program and turn it off when the program is over.