



Time to Blog!

Lesson Plan #2

Lesson Plan for Elementary Students

<i>Overview</i>	This lesson plan is designed to help students recognize the importance of conserving our resources, and understand how easy it is to recycle.
<i>Objective</i>	After learning about recycling, will write a blog entry in which they correctly identify at least five ways that they can help the environment through recycling.
<i>Standards</i>	Describe how discarded products contribute to the problem of waste disposal and that recycling can help solve this problem
<i>Materials</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garbage pizza • Waste Category • Percentage Sheet • Mini Trash Can • Computer with access to EduBlogs
<i>Procedure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with students all of the difference categories of trash that one might find in a landfill. Ask them to name the categories and list them on the board: paper, glass, metal, plastic, food waste, yard waste, household hazardous waste, and "other." • Next, explain the pieces of the garbage pizza to them as the amount of paper, plastics, etc. that they would find if they were to dig through a landfill. Once you have gone through all of the pizza, ask the students which pieces they think could be recycled, putting away each piece as they call it out, leaving only the slice labeled "other" and explain that some of the "other" materials could be reused. • Ask the students how the actual percentages compared to their expectations. Discuss with them how easy it would be to recycle a great percentage of the trash that is instead put into a landfill.

<i>Evaluation</i>	After learning all the ways in which to recycle, students will write an entry in their online blogs which discusses all the things they have learned about recycling.
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