

Earth Day



Today we are going to
learn about

Earth Day!

But first, what do you
already know?



Every year on **April 22**,
millions of people from all
over the world celebrate

Earth Day!



The first
Earth Day

Was on April 22, 1970. It was organized by Senator Gaylord Nelson. He was worried that the government wasn't doing enough to protect the planet.



That same year, President Nixon created the Environmental Protection Agency. It is a government agency that monitors the quality of the air we breath.



In 1990,
Earth Day

became a global event
with 200 million people
from around the world
working to bring
awareness to the
problems facing planet
Earth!



The Problem

The products that we use every day require materials such as trees to make paper. The trees are being cut down faster than they can be replanted. Half of the world's tropical forests are gone.



The Problem Continued

The products that we use are made in factories.

These factories pollute the air that we breath.

Every year, nearly a million people die from diseases caused by polluted air.



The Solution

We can help protect
our planet by:

Recycling
Reusing
Reducing



Recycling

We can bring certain items that would normally be thrown away to recycling plants. They can break them down and use them to make new products! For example, newspaper can be made into carpet!



Reusing

Many products that we normally throw away can be reused! Old clothes can be given to a younger sibling or made into a cleaning rag. We can also buy products like reusable water bottles so that we don't have to throw away as much trash.



Reducing

We can help our planet by reducing, or decreasing, the amount of water and electricity we use. We can also ride a bike to places near our home rather than drive a car.



Celebrating Earth Day

You can:

- Read about your planet and the environment
 - Plant a Tree
 - Pick Up Trash
- Recycle, Reuse and Reduce for the day
 - Wear Green



What will you do for Earth Day?

Think about what you learned about the problem and the solution. Now, make a pledge, or a promise, to do something this week that will help our planet.

