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CLASS PROJECTS

Here are some examples:

- Re-commit to the earth – in this computer age when technology reigns supreme, re-commit to the earth by focusing upon the rain, wind, plants and animals and how we depend upon them. Identify special circumstances that may exist in your community –both positive and negative. Share your findings with the community (see A NOTE ABOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT), and provide suggestions for positive improvement.
- Each student brings to school something from wood or metal which can be reused in a task different from that of its original task. Document the old use and the new use for all participating students.
- Study and make a chart of the vegetables, seafood, meats and drinks that contain dangerous, concentrated or unsafe levels of toxins, pesticides, or genetically altered components. Chart by food types (fruits, vegetables, grains, meats, seafood and drinks). Then make the lists within each category in order of either the “most toxic to least” or “least to most”. Now design and implement a plan to get this information out to everyone in the community. This may include a public awareness campaign about the subject.
- Perform a Garbage Audit – collect the trash from a single source every day for two weeks. The source could be the school cafeteria, a local business, a student’s family or another classroom. Each day, inspect the trash to learn the ratio of garbage to materials that could be recycled (but weren’t). Chart each day’s ratio as well as notes on reoccurring materials that could be recycled but aren’t. At the end of two weeks, calculate a final ratio of garbage to recyclables in the garbage, make a complete listing of materials that need to be recycled as well as any additional suggestions to better the ratio of recyclables to garbage.
- Grow organic food for your lunchroom. Start small, with one item (such as lettuce). This could eventually be expanded into a school-wide project.
- Set up a system to collect and recycle electronic items, computers, batteries, cell phones, etc... This project can also be expanded into a school-wide project.
- Clean up the school grounds on a regular basis.
- Start a composting program in the school lunchroom. This could be expanded into a school-wide project.