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Bringing the environment into the classroom!

National Environmental Education Week (EE Week) is the nation's largest environmental education event. EE Week promotes understanding and protection of the natural world by actively engaging students and educators in an inspired week of environmental learning before Earth Day.

Studies show that environmental education (EE) increases student achievement in many ways. By engaging students in real-world problem solving, EE builds critical thinking skills. Many educators have found that incorporating environmental themes into the curriculum results in improved performance on standardized tests and other assessments. EE has also been shown to reduce student apathy and increase motivation. For more information about the social and academic benefits of environmental education, visit us online at www.eeweek.org.

"EE Week has been a great resource for finding materials and helping give us ideas for special activities within our school. It's a one-stop resource to help save us time and give us only pertinent quality information that we can use year-round"

Julie Nieman | West Liberty Salem Elementary School | Urbana, Ohio

EE Week 2010: Be Water and Energy Wise!

Our nation's water and energy resources are increasingly relevant topics of discussion in today's media, classrooms and homes. Recognizing the importance of conserving both water and energy in order to protect the planet and reduce costs, and acknowledging the interdependence between water and energy, EE Week's 2010 theme is Be Water and Energy Wise!

EE Week partners are encouraged to teach about the environment with activities on a wide range of topics, but this year EE Week will provide resources, website features, activities and lesson plans on water and energy, including:

- A downloadable School Energy Audit and School Water Audit in which students quantify energy and water use at school and then develop and implement conservation plans,
- Online "Ask-an-Expert" videos of water and energy professionals answering students' questions about sources of energy and water, the links between water and energy, conservation, green technologies and more,
- Energy and water tips in English and Spanish, with easy and affordable ways that students can conserve energy and save money and
- Lesson plans, activities, funding resources and professional development to help educators bring environmental learning to their students.

EE Week, now in its sixth year, will once again work with hundreds of national, state and local organizations to promote and inspire environmental learning during the week before Earth Day. Some of our National Partners include:

- National Geographic
- National Education Association
- National Science Teachers Association
- Earth Day Network

Why register?

As a registered partner of EE Week, you will join a national network of educators dedicated to increasing the environmental literacy of K-12 students. You will also receive:

- Certificates of Participation for both you and your students,
- Monthly e-mail newsletters with classroom activities, funding resources and professional development opportunities,
- Access to an online library of environmental curricula, EE resources and classroom tools,
- Opportunities to network and communicate with other educators who have successfully integrated environmental education into the curriculum and
- Opportunities for discounts and special offers for educational materials.

Register your school or organization for National EE Week 2010 at www.eeweek.org/register.

10 Ways to Participate in EE Week

1. Incorporate environmental themes into daily lesson plans.
2. Help students conduct an audit of water and energy use and develop a plan to improve conservation at school and at home.
3. Visit a local nature center with your students.
4. Set up a nature scavenger hunt on your school grounds.
5. Take students on a tour of a power plant or water treatment facility to learn about local water or energy sources.
6. Partner with a local business or community group to host a clean-up or water quality monitoring event.
7. Construct a wildlife habitat, schoolyard garden or outdoor classroom on your campus.
8. Help students launch a school recycling campaign.
9. Involve students in nature journaling.
10. Ask students about environmental issues that concern them most and develop a service-learning project around these issues.

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