



WORLD EARTH DAY

22nd April 2009

Celebrate World Earth Day by participating in interesting iEARN project activities. Offer young people unique learning experiences and opportunities to express themselves by writings or drawings and polish their skills by engaging them in reading and responding to real audiences. Educators can use earth day event to encourage students to make resolutions to do good for themselves while taking care of their community and environment that can change the life styles and result in promoting earth-friendly habits and deeds in their everyday lives.

World Earth Day History:

The United Nations celebrates an Earth Day each year on the March equinox, a tradition which was founded by peace activist John McConnell in 1969. A second Earth Day, which was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in in 1970, is celebrated in many countries each year on April 22 which marks the beginning of the modern environmental movement.

Approximately 20 million people participated, with a goal of a healthy, sustainable environment. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. Mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries and lifting the status of environmental issues onto the world stage.



iEARN Project: Power of One – Protecting our Planet

Brief description of project:

This is an international collaborative project in which students create individual family plans for protecting our earth after researching steps taken by other countries to preserve our planet. Protecting our planet for future generations is important, but they often don't know how they can individually make a difference or even what they can do.

Activity: “Make an Earth-Day Resolution”

1. Discuss and make some earth-friendly resolutions with your families. For example find ways to:
 - help conserve energy
 - save water
 - re-use paper
 - keep air clean
 - use paper bags
 - use trash cans
2. Create a plan how you will implement it with your family.
3. Take action to make a difference.
4. Share it in iEARN forum with others by posting it under the relevant discussion in the project forum.

Forum address: Power of One-Protecting our Planet

Submit your *family plans* in Power of One project forum under the discussion “**Earth Day Resolution**”. It can be accessed in iEARN Collaboration Centre, under “*Science*” projects category or can be accessed directly at: <http://foro.iearn.org/.1e67c935/>

iEARN Project: Global Art – Sense of Caring

Brief description of project:



The purpose of this global art project is to provide the opportunity for children/youth in schools and communities around the world to exchange artwork images and writings on the theme of “Caring”. Students in participating schools and communities create artwork that shows what they care about and how they care for one another and other living things in their schools, families, communities and the world. Each student also writes an essay or poem on his/her ideas on caring.

Activity: “We Care for Earth”

1. Think of some good deeds that you can do for Earth.
2. Make a list of all the good things you have done to take care for Earth. For example:
 - Switched off the lights before leaving the room
 - Planted a tree to make it green
 - Closed the tap while brushing teeth
 - Used both sides of paper
 - Turned off TV after finished watching
 - Cleaned the neighborhood to save environment
3. Create an artwork about your caring for planet Earth and write a poem to show your care.
4. Share it in your schools and in iEARN forum to discuss the ideas of caring with each other.



Forum address: Global Art – Sense of Caring

Students can share artwork in *Global Art - Sense of Caring* forum to show their care for the planet Earth. Artwork can be submitted at this forum under the discussion “*We Care for Earth*”. It can be accessed in iEARN Collaboration Centre, under the project categories “*Visual & Creative Arts*” or can be accessed directly at: <http://foro.iearn.org/.f296bde/>

Note: Project can be posted through the months of April and May

iEARN username and password is required to access this forum. If you want to get registered as an iEARN member click at <http://www.iearnpk.org/register.htm> .

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