Climate Action Plan

This classroom is concerned about global climate change and believes that through education and action, we can make a difference at our school. To reduce our classroom carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, we will commit to the following:

ELECTRICITY (SCHOOL LIGHTING, ENERGY VAMPIRES)
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TRANSPORTATION
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WASTE (SOLID WASTE FOOD)
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WASTE (SOLID WASTE TRASH, PAPER, PLASTIC BOTTLES & BEVERAGE CUPS)
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Teacher name ___________________________________________ Classroom ___________________
HERE ARE SOME TIPS YOU MIGHT INCLUDE

ELECTRICITY TIPS

⇒ Use the lights less, when possible.
  • Turn off lights when the classroom is empty - during lunch, planning periods, etc.
  • Turn off lights at the end of the day.
⇒ Slay energy vampires. Plug appliances into power strips, and turn the strips off at night. This will significantly reduce phantom loads.
⇒ Flip the switch. Turn off computers and printers at the end of the day, rather than putting them in sleep mode.
⇒ Find more tips under the Eco-Schools USA Energy Pathway.

TRANSPORTATION TIPS

⇒ Drive less, and walk, bike, bus, or carpool instead.
  • Walking and biking are zero-emission ways to commute!
  • Sharing a ride with one other person halves your emissions; carpooling with two others reduces your emissions by one-third.
⇒ Find more tips under the Eco-Schools USA Transportation Pathway.

SOLID WASTE TIPS

⇒ Reduce.
  • Generating less waste = Fewer greenhouse gas emissions
⇒ Reuse.
  • Use a reusable water bottle or cup instead of buying individual water bottles.
  • Use a reusable coffee tumbler for hot drinks instead of paper, plastic or Styrofoam cups.
⇒ Recycle.
  • Recycle - Recycle - Recycle! If the classroom doesn't recycle, start!
  • Recycle disposable water bottles.
  • Use recycled paper.
⇒ Find more tips under the Eco-Schools USA Consumption & Waste Pathway.