

Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson 24 – Earth Day



Today's lesson is about Earth Day: I love being outside! I am always begging my Mom to take me outside or to the park. I like running in the grass, digging holes, and swimming in ponds. Turns out I'm not the only one who loves nature – every April 22, more than 190 countries celebrate Earth Day! Isn't that neat? People all over the world come together on this day to protect and honor our planet.

It's important to remember that Earth Day was created to help protect the environment from things like litter, pollution, and deforestation. We can all do things like using one paper towel at a time, taking shorter showers, and recycling to help make a difference!

Sticky Situation: Last time I went to the dog park, I noticed someone drink out of a plastic water bottle and then throw it on the ground. Circle all the things this person could have done instead to help the environment:

Use a reusable water bottle instead of a single-use plastic water bottle.

Throw the empty water bottle in the lake.

Bury the water bottle so no one sees it.

Recycle the empty water bottle.

Take the empty water bottle home to use in a craft.

Activity: Make an Earth Day Poster! On a piece of paper, design a poster celebrating the Earth and include as many plants and animals as possible. Somewhere on the poster, write 3 things you love about nature. Hang it up in the house to help your family celebrate on April 22!

Civic Resources: For a video about the origins of Earth Day, check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuhpygdNmcQ>.