

Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson #38 - Earth Day



Maggie says ...

In these difficult times, as our nation and the world pull together, it is more important than ever to understand our role as a citizen.

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 22nd, more than 175 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: The 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 below that 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 into 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!

Civics Resources: View this video from PBS Learning Media about the [origin of Earth Day](#).