

**Title of Project: Recycling & Our Environment**

**Grade Level:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

**Number of Students Participating:** 90

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**School:** Highlands Elementary

**District or County:** Boise School District

**Overview/Description of Project:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learn about recycling as a way to help the environment, and present information to Highland Elementary students.

**Goals:**

Educate students and the community about recycling to protect the environment.

**Core Content Areas:**

(teacher completes this section)

English/Language Arts: Write and edit scripts

Science: Earth Science, protect environment, recycling, research skills

Math: Sorting and classifying

Art/Music: Create sets and make puppets. Learn a recycling song

Communication: Presentation skills

**PARC MODEL STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE**

***STEP 1: PREPARATION***

Students visited a recycling center to learn what material is collected and how chemical changes are applied. Read books to learn about recycling including "Compost Critters". Students wrote scripts for a puppet show, designed the sets and made puppets from recyclable objects. Practiced skits and collaborated on motions to go along with the skits.

***STEP 2: ACTION***

Second graders prepared a commercial, and third graders performed a puppet show based on what they had learned about recycling. Both were presented to three Highlands elementary classrooms (K-3).

***STEP 3: REFLECTION ( Reflection is not sequential; rather it is encouraged throughout the lesson)***

The students discussed how the skits will impact the classes. They wrote about recycling in the classroom newsletter.

***STEP 4: CELEBRATION***

The students performed their commercials and puppet show before other classes at Highlands Elementary. The students collected different materials that can be recycled and showed them to those classrooms.