

# REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

## Don't forget about **WASTE REDUCTION MONTH!**

Once again the time has come to challenge you and your classmates to produce the least amount of garbage during the week of October 6-10 because this can help to reduce the waste going into the landfill and also because the winning classroom gets \$100.

Register with R.E.A.P.S @ 561-7327 or email [events@reaps.org](mailto:events@reaps.org) to receive an info package.

**To participate:** Set up 4 containers; one each for recyclables (paper, cans, cardboard and glass), compostables, refundable containers (pop bottles, cans, juice boxes) and actual true garbage. At the end of each day, weigh the materials in each container and record on the sheet provided. You should find that the amount of garbage is reduced by 80% leaving only approximately 20% that is actual garbage. It is important to dispose of the material properly at the end.



Here is a fun activity that you and your friends can do on the weekend or even in the classroom that is made from recycled stuff.

### **Halloween Grocery Bag Ghost**

You will need:

- Plain white lid (margarine, yogurt container)
- 3 black construction circles for the eyes and mouth
- 2 sheer white plastic grocery bags
- 2 white pipe cleaners
- Scotch tape
- Glue stick
- Black yarn
- Hole punch



How to make it:

1. Glue eyes and mouth on front of lid.
2. Cut off any writing or graphics on the bags. Lay them on a flat surface. With scissors, shred 2" strips up the sack and leave at least a 1" area intact next to the seam.
3. Glue pipe cleaner stem into the seam
4. Turn lid over on flat surface. Bend and insert the pipe cleaner into the ridge around the bottom half of the lid. Tape to secure in place.
5. Repeat with the second sack and pipe cleaner, and insert in the ridge around the upper half of the lid.
6. Punch hole through the top of the lid. Thread yarn through hole (leave enough for it to hang).
7. Some kids prefer to have a loop on the end so they can hold on and run with them.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 6:** World Habitat Day—remember we share the world

**October 13:** Thanksgiving—try eating local food

**October 7-11:** Waste Reduction Week

**October 18:** In 2002 a black hole was discovered in the Milky Way with 2 MILLION times the mass of our sun!

**October 31:** Halloween—don't forget that you can compost your pumpkins and save the seeds for a healthy snack.