

Theme: Earth Day
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Hello StrongStart friends,

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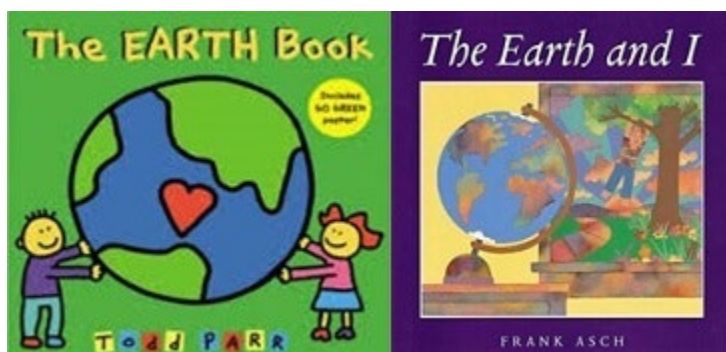


Earth Day is April 22nd every year. Earth is our home and we need to protect it. Today, we will do a few fun activities about our planet. First, let's sing a song about recycling! It's called "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" by the Kiboomers - <https://youtu.be/AOvcW8l3RzE>



Reduce, reuse and recycle is a simple idea to help us minimize waste. We can reduce plastic by using reusable bags. We can reuse containers when we take-out from restaurants. And finally, we can recycle our old clothing or juice boxes at the recycling depot!

After our song, here are two books about Earth:



- The Earth Book by Todd Parr - <https://youtu.be/lpEc5nHqO2c>
- The Earth and I by Frank Asch - <https://youtu.be/JRQTQt2YqR4>

Here are a few art ideas for you to try at home:

Mess Free Earth Painting - put some blue and green paint on a paper plate and put the plate inside a ziploc bag. Seal it up and squish the paint together to make our Earth!



Dirt Playdough Recipe

- Ingredients: 2 cups of flour, 1/2 cup of coffee grounds, 1 cup of salt, 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar, 1 cup very hot water, 2 tablespoon oil.
- Instructions: Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl. Stir in wet ingredients (hot water and oil). Mix until desired consistency. Add small rocks or plastic insects as an invitation to play!



Wildflower Seed Bombs

A seed bomb is a ball of seeds mixed with something compostable. The seeds are encased in compostable paper and can be thrown into the soil. As the rain falls, the paper composts away and the seeds germinate and grow!

- Materials: construction paper, water, food processor, variety of flower seeds, mini muffin pan
- Instructions: Cut the construction paper into small pieces. Put it in the food processor with some water and blend. Place the mixture onto the muffin tin and add your seeds. Add another layer of paper to cover. Press down and let dry. Now, it is ready to be planted outside!



How to Make
Wildflower Seed Bombs
for Earth Day



Vancouver Public Library has Facebook Live Storytimes, Babytime and Toddlertime on Zoom and Virtual Storytime on YouTube.

- Toddlertime on Zoom: <https://vpl.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=Toddler%20Storytime%20on%20Zoom>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VPLKidsGroup/permalink/305851480553261/>
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/vancouverlibrary