

## Why We Recycle

**Grade Level:** First

**Lesson Time:** 20-30 Min

**Objectives:** Students will be able to explain the importance of Recycling.

**Materials:** Sheet, various types of garbage (cans, bottles, paper, plastic etc.), Book: Recycle! A Handbook for Kids. By: Gail Gibbons, box labeled plastic, paper, cans, glass, Styrofoam, etc.

### **Procedures/ Steps:**

1. Anticipatory Set: Have a sheet on the floor with a bunch of garbage on it ask the students what they think about having garbage all over their classroom, tell them that without recycling we would have garbage all over the place.
2. Read the story Recycle! A Handbook for Kids. By Gail Gibbons.
3. Talk about how things can be recycled and why it is important that we recycle
4. Take the trash off the sheet. On the sheet have items like pop cans, plastic bottles, paper (newspaper, paper plates, notebook paper etc), Glass bottles, Styrofoam, and have students help you divide the objects into correct boxes of things that can be recycled. Point out to the students how much better the classroom looks without the garbage all over the place

**Assessment:** Have a class discussion about the importance of recycling, then have the student go to their seats and write a paragraph about recycling.