

Learning to Live Sustainably through a Kindergartener's Eyes

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Synopsis

This unit is a general introduction to the concept of living environmentally sustainably for kindergarten students. The unit is about 14 lessons long and can be spread throughout the course of a year, or taught in a concise period of time. Students are introduced to harmful things that humans do to the environment, how we can help the environment, and why we need to help the environment. Through the use of multiple family letters and projects, students are encouraged to involve their family members in learning how to make better choices. Students learn about recycling, reusing, and reducing waste; they take part in projects to raise awareness in the school; they partner with older students to create stories/projects describing effects people can have on the environment; and they are presented with a great deal of age-appropriate literature that stresses the beauty and science of the natural world. There is a significant focus on how humans can help/harm the ocean habitat and students take part in an oil-spill inquiry activity where they follow the scientific process. While this CU is science based, there are also many literacy activities involving reading, retelling, and writing/drawing.