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Week 2 Day 9: Social Studies – Trash and Recycling

Read and watch the stories at [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) and then explore the activities below!

Read!

I Stink by Kate and Jim McMullan paired with Garbage Trucks by Mary Lindeen

Talk!

Garbage or Recyclable?

Talk about and practice with your child to help him or her recognize what is considered garbage and where it goes, and what is recyclable and where that goes.

Sing!

Recycling Song (tune: Mary Had a Little Lamb)

(See example with Lingo Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q53kNmxTgPw>)

Pick up paper and put it in, put it in, put it in.

Pick up paper and put it in.

In the recycling bin.

Pick up glass and put it in, put it in, put it in.

Pick up glass and put it in.

In the recycling bin.

Pick up plastic and put it in, put it in, put it in.

Pick up plastic and put it in.

In the recycling bin.

Pick up food and put it in, put it in, put it in.
Pick up food and put it in.
In the compost bin.

Play!

Sorting Recyclables

Have fun sorting by creating different bins for recyclables made from different materials. Label each bin with pictures to help.

For example:

- A bin for paper products - pictures of cereal boxes, newspaper, promotional flyers that come in the mail, paper envelopes.
- A bin for plastics – pictures of a milk jug, shampoo bottles, disposable water bottles, big yogurt tubs.
- A bin for metals (be careful of sharp edges) – pictures of aluminum cans, lids from glass jars.

Through this activity, your child will begin to recognize the different qualities of objects made from different materials.

More or Less?

After sorting through the recyclables in the above activity, count how many recyclable things are in each bin. Which kind of recyclables do you have more of? Which kind do you have less of? Which kind do you have most? Which kind do you have least?

You can make a chart for each category on a piece of paper and have your child cut out and paste pictures of some of those products (this is where the grocery store promotional offer flyers can be recycled!) in each category. Count and write down the number of things in each category to practice writing and number recognition.

Read More Together!

Books related to trash and recycling

- There Was An Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe – E Cabrera, Jane
- Super Manny Cleans Up – E DiPucchio, Kelly
- Awesome Dawson – E Gall, Chris
- Recycling Day – E Miller, Edward
- Smash! Mash! Crash! There Goes the Trash! – E Odanaka, Barbara
- Trashy Town – E Zimmerman, Andrea
- One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and Recycling Women of Gambia – J 363.7288 Paul

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