

Title: I Will Not... Instead I Will...

Objective: Develop awareness of everyday changes students can make to reduce, reuse, and recycle

Time: 3-5 minutes

Materials Needed: None

Greeting

Suggested Season: Any

Suggested Grade Level: 3-5

Indoors or Outdoors: Indoors

Theme: Recycling

Topic: Environmental Decision Making

Directions:

1. Have students sit in a circle.
2. Explain that they will be greeting the class by saying: “Good Morning! Instead of using _____
something that you dispose of
I will use _____.” For example, “Instead of using plastic water bottles, I will use a
something that can be reused
reusable bottle.” Another example, “Instead of using paper lunch bags, I will use a lunch box.”
3. After the student has greeted the class, the rest of the class will say: “Good Morning _____. You are making a difference in our world by making that choice.”
4. Go around the circle and have everyone announce what disposable item they will not use and what reusable item they will use instead.
5. Encourage students to not repeat. There are so many different ways to recycle and reduce waste... encourage creativity!

Discussion Questions:

1. What ways do you currently recycle and reduce waste?
2. What ideas did you hear today that you would be able to do include in your own life?
3. What pledge can you make and start doing today to reduce waste?

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Standards Addressed:

Science: 2.1.1.2.1.; 3.1.1.1.1.; 5.3.4.1.1.; 5.3.4.1.3.; 5.4.4.1.1.

Language Arts: K.I.B.; K.II.B.; K.III.A.; 1.III.A.; 1.III.B.1.; 2.III.A.; 3.III.A.2.; 3.III.A.3.; 5.III.A.1.; 5.III.A.2.

Math:

Social Studies:

Background Information:

- **Reduce:** to use less; to make something smaller or use less, resulting in a smaller amount of waste
- **Reuse:** to use again
- **Recycle:** when you save and take reusable materials to places where they can be remade into either the same product or a new product, rather than to just toss them in the trash.

Additional Resources:

- *Why Should I Recycle?* by Jane Green
- *Let's Talk Trash: The Kids' Book About Recycling* by Kelly McQueen and David Fassler
- *Where Does the Garbage Go?* by Paul Showers
- <http://www.deq.pima.gov/waste/101ways.html>
This website includes 101 ways to recycle.
- <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/recycle.htm>
Go to this website to find ways that kids can reduce waste.

Correlates with:

Activity – Bottled Water, What a Waste

News and Announcements – Recycling – Plastic Water Bottles