

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!



Grade Level: 1st - 6th

Time Needed: 45-60 minutes

Supplies: Bags full of "trash", bins for setting up a mock recycling center

Location: Request the school gym for the Recycling Relay or large classroom space

Objective: Students will learn about the 3R's and how to categorize recyclable materials.

Introduction: Explain the words reduce, reuse, & recycle

- Ask students to give examples
- Where does garbage go? (Show pictures of a landfill)

Play the Recycling Relay Race

- Set up four teams
- Students need to "recycle" items from the team bag by taking them to the mock recycling center at the other end of the gym/large classroom.
 - After all bags are empty the students get 2-3 clues and then 1 minute to fix any mistakes
- The goal is to have fewer than 5 mistakes. Go through the recycled materials and discuss how to prepare recyclables (clean them, smash them, take labels off cans, etc)