

K–3 Module

Unit 2

Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling Classroom Waste

Lesson 1

Reducing the Amount of Plastic That Goes to a Landfill

Lesson 2

What Do I Do with It Now?

Lesson 3

Classroom Exchange of Unwanted Items

Lesson 4

Making Recycled Paper by Hand

Lesson 5

Sounds from Reused Materials and Songs About Reusing and Recycling

The students were very excited about this unit. The kids kept asking me, “What are we going to do tomorrow?”

— Donna Flores, third-grade teacher, Nightingale Elementary School, Stockton Unified School District

I used the five lessons with a kindergarten and first-grade combination class at a two week science-based intercession program. It takes a lot of time to gather materials and to prepare for the lessons; however, the learnings that take place with the students make it all very worthwhile. Students were excited with what they learned and were eager to share with others (parents, other kids, and other teachers).

— Beverly Hayes, kindergarten and first-grade teacher, John A. Otis Elementary School, National School District