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Earth Day 2009



You can hit just about everything in school with the "5 W's," including Earth Day!

- 🌍 **What:** Earth Day started in the U.S. in 1970 by John McConnell. Now it's evolved into an annual world-wide celebration to commemorate and concentrate on the Earth, doing all we can to maintain & improve the health of our planet!
- 🌍 **When:** Wednesday, April 22, 2009
- 🌍 **Where:** Wherever you & action-driven people are!
- 🌍 **Why:** If each & every one of us makes a move toward creating a better, more peaceful planet, think of where we will be. Brainstorm with your children what they can do to start making a difference on behalf of planet Earth!
- 🌍 **Who:** You! Take part! Whether big or small, each step leads us in the right direction!

Some Earth Day Sites To Set Your Sights Upon!



- 🌍 **Earth Day Network: Everyday for Everybody**
<http://www.earthday.net/?qclid=CNtBhbbF15cCFQSwFQodE3AIDA>
- 🌍 **Planet Pals** <http://www.planetpals.com/>
- 🌍 **Earth Day Take Home Kit**
<http://www.epa.gov/earthday/takehomekit.htm>
- 🌍 **Environmental KidsClub** <http://www.epa.gov/kids/>

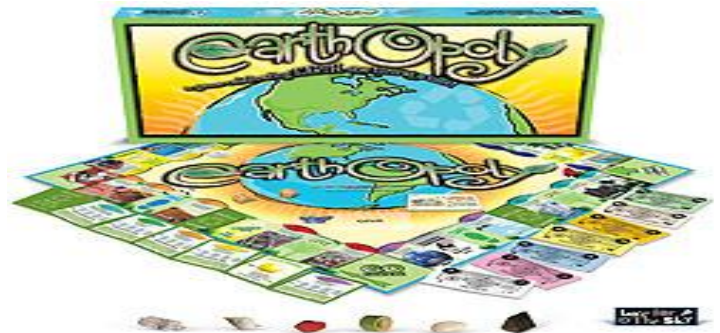
Stick It To It: Elmer's Glue Crew



An elementary classroom is a prime gluing location, with projects galore. It's also a place where glue sticks can stack up quickly. There's no need to trash them, though. A quick website visit to <http://www.elmersgluecrew.com/> will tell you that Wal-Mart® & Elmer's Glue have teamed up to help in another way to keep recyclables out of the trash. Here you can get information, project ideas, and lesson plans as to how to recycle glue bottles & glue sticks, as well as additional ideas of how to help the environment.

To be a member of "Elmer's Glue Crew," start here:

1. Collect & clean your glue bottles/sticks in soapy warm water to get rid of the excess glue.
2. Create a container to hold all of your "empties."
3. Beginning Earth Day, April 22, 2009, you can take your empty glue containers to your neighborhood Wal-Mart® where one of the greeters there will take your collection of empties and get it where it needs to be. For more information, visit: <http://www.elmersgluecrew.com/how.asp>



A New Twist on an Old Favorite

For Christmas this past year, rather than give my third graders each a personal gift, I opted instead to give the class one gift to share. I gave them the game "Earthopoly." Played like Monopoly, but with the ability to buy habitats rather than buy properties, and the ability to buy carbon offsets via info cards. It is a wonderful educational (and fun!) game. All the ink is soy, the playing pieces are organic, and the info is keen! One rainy day, indoor recess and my third graders knew how to play instantly and easily. It's now a perennial favorite! To check it out, visit:

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B0013VOGFA/ref=nosim/coffee0819_43725-20

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