



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Lorax, Dr. Seuss's timeless tale of Truffula Trees, Brown Bar-ba-loots, the Once-ler, and, of course, the Lorax, sets the stage for Earth Day events and discussions at home, as well as family actions that can help make your community greener and healthier.

The April 22, 2021 Earth Day theme is *Restore the Earth*. Review these suggestions and make a family plan to protect and conserve our natural resources!

Pandemic-Aware Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

- Make an Earth Day themed poster to display in your front window or door.
- Complete an earth-friendly project such as planning and planting a native plant and vegetable garden, decorating old CDs to hang in windows to prevent bird collisions, starting a compost pile, or making a rain capture system for your home.
- Participate in a litter clean-up event in your community.

The Lorax Family Discussion Ideas

In the words of the Lorax, "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Read *The Lorax* together. Follow up with an environmentally-focused discussion using these prompts:

- The book was written in 1971. Why do you think this book is still important today?
- How does this book inspire you to celebrate Earth Day?
- How can our family make earth-friendly decisions in how we live, what we buy, and what we value?

Make a Family Commitment to the Environment

As part of the 3Rs—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—there are many ways to help conserve and protect resources and the environment. Choose one or more of these ideas and make a commitment to practice them as a family:

- **Practice the 3Rs.** From food to plastics and packaging, it's important to lessen the impact of the waste stream that taxes the planet's resources. Buy only what you need and pay particular attention to re-use and reduce actions.
- **Monitor your energy use.** Conserving electricity and natural gas saves resources and money.
- **Conserve water.** Take shorter showers, run the washing machine and dishwasher with full loads at tap water temperature, use timers for irrigation, and turn off the tap while brushing teeth.



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