## School Readiness Family Activity Calendar - Recycle

	Child's Name:		Site:		Month:		Office of Education
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	Sun Physical Development and Health	Mon Social Emotional Development	Tue Approaches to Learning	Wed Language and Literacy	Thu Language and Literacy	Fri Cognitive and General Knowledge	Sat Cognitive and General Knowledge
West One	Make a hopscotch pattern on the floor using paper plates and work on your hopping/jumping skills.	Invite a friend over and create a junk collage. Guide sharing materials.	What's inside this box? Take a box and collect different objects that can be recycled. Such as paper, plastic, soda cans, etc.	Clap a friend's name. Clap different family member's name.	Read "Michael Recycle" by Ellie Bethel.	Get items from your junk drawer. Use a set of cards with numbers and number word printed on them. Place objects on each card according to the number.	Spell the work "recycle" with magnet letters. Have your child identify each letter and count how many letters are in the word "recycle."
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Week Two	Place a sheet of newspaper on your tummy. Then try to run without it falling off.	Walk all around your home acting out different emotions. Can you walk happy, sad, shy, and angry?	Use plastic bottles filled with sand or rocks and a soft ball. Now you can bowl away!	Read "I Stink" by Kate and Jim McMullan.	Talk about what did you throw away today?	Create a junk pattern by using items from your junk drawer. Ex: penny, paper clip, penny, paper clip.	Use incomplete puzzle pieces to make a gift for someone special. Cut out a picture frame out of cardboard and decorate with the puzzle pieces.
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Wook Theor	Crumble newspaper into balls. Hold them between your knees and take them to the other end of the room.	Read a story or book to your child. When finished, ask him or her questions about how the characters felt.	Cut the top off of an empty milk carton. Fill it with soil and place a seed today.	Talk about where our trash goes after we throw it away.	Sing together - "if you see a piece of litter, pick it up. You will make the world look better if you pick up all the litter. If you see a piece of litter, pick it up."	Match a lid - place 3 or 4 containers of different sizes. Ask your child to match each container and lid and then put each lid on.	Use string and scissors to measure around different plastic bottles. Use a rule to see how long the string was.
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Week Four	"Rip, Crunch, Throw" - Tear newspaper into long strips, crunch them up into small balls, and throw the balls into a basket.	Have your child help you gather his or her laundry today and place it in the laundry basket.	Go outside and pick up trash. Use different forms of movement to travel to each new piece of garbage.	Talk about why littering is bad for the environment.	Read "The Adventures of Gary & Harry" by Lisa Matsumoto Margaret Steele.	How big is an inch? Try to guess how many inches by using various recyclable materials such as an empty plastic bottle or a piece of paper.	Collect different sized paper cups. Have your child sort paper cups by sizes tallest to smallest and smallest to tallest.
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Week Five	Using paper plates, try to see how you can make them fly. What is the best way to toss it to make it go far?	Pick the lemons from your lemon tree and give your child an opportunity to host a lemonade stand in your front yard.	Set up a recycling center at your home. Use a small trashcan or box for paper, plastic, and soda cans.	Read "Peter's Chair" by Ezra Jack Keats.	Take some magazines and newspapers destined for the trash bin. Use scissors to clip some interesting words and then arrange the words poetically.	Cut out straws into various lengths. Use string to insert through the straw to manipulate a form of a shape.	Help your child create their own instruments from recycled materials such as cardboard and plastic. Ex: use an empty tissue box, wrapped in rubber bands and insert a paper towel roll into one side to create a guitar.
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Week Six	Cut some newspaper coupons today.	Do some outdoor chores as a family. Reach, pull, push, and bend.	Melt crayons in a microwave with cupcake liners. Then place in refrigerator to harden to recycle broken crayons.	Take a walk with your child and talk about the shape and color of things.	Ask your child to choose a book for you to read aloud. Pretend to be the characters you're reading about.	Give your child a paper bag. Have your child collect trash in your yard that he or she thinks can be recycled. Count how many pieces he or she collected.	Guess how many objects fit inside a trashcan.  Test it out and then talk about the size of trash can and objects you chose to put inside.  Ex: basketball, soccer.
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