



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

As Wise Ol' Wilbur says, "The environment is meant for you and me!" This week, children are learning to respect the environment for the sake of all of us. First graders are learning that trash belongs in the trash, not in the street. They're also learning how they can make a big difference in keeping their city clean.

Learning to respect the environment is an important part of nurturing a growing heart:

- Teaching children to respect their environment helps to instill appreciation for what they have.
- Learning to conserve our resources encourages children to be creative and inventive, which develops their imagination.
- Children learn they have a part to play in keeping our environment clean so everyone can enjoy the beauty of our world.

For the Heart of Your Child

Here are a few ideas for how you can reinforce what your child is learning at school:

- Set a good example for your child by not littering.
- Help your child pick up litter in your neighborhood.
- Look for ways to involve your family in a recycling/reducing project.
- Reuse trash at home instead of throwing it away. For example, reuse plastic and paper bags as trashcan liners.

Ask your child to teach you the rap:

Make a Dash for the Trash

Make a dash for the Trash; don't drop it in the street.

Make a dash for the trash; you gotta move your feet.

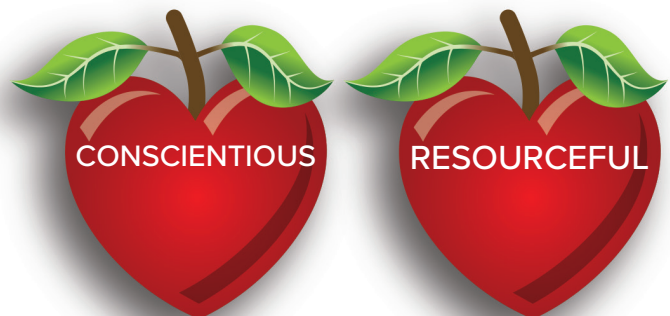
Make a dash for the trash; tell everyone you meet.

Make a dash for the trash; keep our city neat.

From Our Hearts to Yours,



PS Don't forget to ask what CONSCIENTIOUS and RESOURCEFUL mean.



CONSCIENTIOUS—Diligently careful

RESOURCEFUL—Using my imagination to fix everyday problems