



Tin Can Herb Garden

Review the needs of plants. Learn the importance of recycling and ways to reduce, reuse, and repurpose to create less waste.

Directions

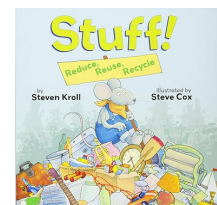
1. Give each child a can.
2. Allow them to decorate the outside as they wish. They may use any of the supplies suggested above. (Make sure that they put their names on it somewhere).
3. Tell students that they will be planting an herb in the can.
4. Fill the can about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of potting soil.
5. Have students use their fingers to dig a small hole in the soil.
6. Place the herb in the soil. Cover the root ball and pat down.
7. Water the plant.

Supplies

- Soup/vegetable can (or other of same size) for each child
- Potting soil
- Herbs (may also use other plants or seeds)
- Water
- Permanent markers
- Stickers
- Paint pens
- Construction paper and glue/tape

Suggestion: begin collecting these well in advance of your event or ask the teacher you will be working with to have the students collect them in advance

Suggested Books



Discussion Questions:

- Ask students what they think the plant will need to grow.

Answer: water, soil, sunlight

- Ask students why they think it is important to recycle. Possible answers: conserve natural resources; reduce the amount of waste in landfills.

- Ask students to brainstorm other ways that they can recycle and conserve natural resources.

- Talk about how they can cook with their herbs.

Examples: put basil and/or oregano in your spaghetti; put cilantro in your salsa