

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION AND PROJECT

Teaching young children about ecology and the environment will teach them lessons they will take through the rest of their life. If children learn to respect and care for the world they live in and the wildlife within it from a young age, they will help to preserve it for the next generation. They will become advocates for protecting nature.

Teaching young children about the environment and environmental sustainability has many benefits. One major reason is because if we don't introduce this education to them at a young age and help them develop a sense of caring and respect for nature, children may never develop such an attitude. Also, positive interactions with the environment are a critical part of healthy child development. Interactions with the environment improve one's quality of life and enhance learning throughout one's lifespan.

As teachers, we are preparing our students to be tomorrow's leaders. In order to be successful leaders, our students need to be ready for tomorrow's challenges. Studies show that environmental education encourages youth to pursue a career in environmental and natural resources.

When you teach a child sustainability behaviors at an early age, it will be easier for them to develop sustainable habits that will last them for the rest of their lives.

Saving the environment is not an easy task. Therefore, everyone has to work together and take responsibility for helping the environment. Everyone has to work together, or collaborate, to help save the environment. Collaboration is an important skill to have in today's world, so if we can teach children how to collaborate at an early age, they have the opportunity to be more successful especially when they become adults in the work force.

It is important for children to develop a good relationship with the environment relatively early in life because if they don't, there's a chance they never will. A good way to help build this relationship is by teaching about the environment and by having positive interactions with the environment, which help enhance learning and quality of life and are a healthy part of healthy child development. Nature, for children who have a close relationship with it, tends to be a source of joy and wonder. This sense of wonder provides children with direction for environmental education and leads to a joy of discovery

Teaching about the environment has many benefits, including good character, habit development, a better relationship with peers and a better relationship with nature. If today's children have a better relationship with the environment and work hard to protect it, then the adults of the next generation will also have a better relationship with the environment.

With this Project, we helped student to develop environmental, social and health values and, integrating these values into curricula of the subjects has a positive effect on students behaviour.

The project has a good part in creating environment aware active citizens.

Thank to this Project, the eco friendly practices in school have increased and started to be done by all classes:

- we turn off lights, computers and other devices when not needed
- we reduce waste of water, students pay more attention to open taps of water only when necessary.
- we use recycle paper and print on both sides.
- we reuse the back side of a used paper or photocopy for writing.
- we reuse materials for making art handcrafts (corks, bottles, boxes, .)
- we put ecopoints in the school and we do recycling. We recycle plastic especially.

We clean the school garden and courtyard after the breaktime.

- we have more vegetable gardens and we cooperate with the territory association in order to maintain them.
- we have workshops about bio cultivating with a territory firm.
- we organize and participate workshops with bodies for the protection of environment of the National territory: workshops about trees of the area, about saving and monitoring of water consumption, art workshops with recycled materials, interactive show about saving energy.
- we create eco-galateos about eco friendly practices to be used
- we learn and sing songs about the care of the environment
- we create posters and slogans
- older students prepare lessons and workshops about climate change and sustainability
- we do ecological outdoor games for the sports games hold every year
- we celebrate the Environment day every 5th June
- we plant native species in the gardens of the school.
- we hold a calendar for the monitoring of the good practices for sustainability at school(turn of the lights, consumption of water..)
- we talk about environment and community problems.
- we promote the values of respect for others and of our surrounding and we promote the care for environment.
- we involve all the educational agents, from parents to teachers to school staff and community in school projects for better results.
- we give Green Stars certificates to our students to recognise the work done for the care of Environment.

-we boost the participation to cleaning actions of public areas both volunteering actions and organized by the municipality

- we promote the respect and the care of the plants present in the school courtyards.

.Everything we do as humans affects the world we live in – we do not have limitless resources – we have the power to destroy or create – we need to teach children to create, care for and respect our world. We all have an important duty to transform values into new good practices for sustainability , we need to think of nature as beautiful as indispensable, and to rethink how to value it, for the future of our Planet.