

Using Nature to Meet Educational Standards

SOCIAL STUDIES

Second Grade

Activity #1:

Materials: trash bags, rubber gloves (optional)

Head outside to the outdoor classroom or school grounds. Look for garbage. Work together to pick-up any garbage found. (just in time for the start of school... you want the classroom look nice!)

As you pick-up the garbage, discuss if it is recyclable or not? If it is, be sure to help the environment by recycling the trash. Discuss why recycling is important (Science standard!)

Discuss what impact trash or garbage has on the school? Its students? The neighborhood? The animals?

Work with other second grade classrooms to make sure each classroom picks-up trash for the week (4 classrooms, once a month for each class).