



Earth Protection Club Newsletter

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Animal of the Month:

RIVER OTTERS...

- Spend half their life sleeping
- Don't have a propelling tail like the dam building beaver
- Can't see very well
- Use their whiskers to sense things in the water like prey or rocks
- Can eat fish while floating on their backs



That's it for this month, but check

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Help for Haiti

As you probably know, there has been a horrible earthquake in Haiti, a country near the equator and close to Cuba. Lots of people around the world are trying to collect money or send people to Haiti in order to fix some of their buildings and nurse the earthquake victims.

Earthquakes are measured in numbers, on a scale of one to ten. On this scale, one is an earthquake so small we can't even feel it, and 10 would be ginourmous, and something that has never happened before.

The biggest earthquake ever was in Chile, and was an 8.5! The earthquake in Haiti was almost that big, it was 7 on the scale, which is a really bad earthquake that can damage lots of buildings and even kill some people.

If you want to help the people in Haiti who were effected by the earthquake, consider the following ideas:

1.) If you get an allowance, then donate some to an organization helping Haiti.

2.) Instead of making a lemonade stand, make a hot cocoa stand with your friends. Make a big sign that tells people that you are donating the money to Haiti. And don't forget to stay warm!

3.) Keep a jar in a place where people in your family visit a lot (tables are great) and get them to donate spare change to the jar. You could also make a sign on the jar and have one of your parents to bring it in to work so those people could use it. Then, bring in all the change school, where your Pennies for Haiti program is! Thanks for helping out, E.P.C!



A fire-fighter rescues a child From a collapsed building

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2010 Vancouver Olympics

Have you watched any of the Olympics this year? Well, if you haven't then you should check it out! There are lots of cool events like ice-skating, bobsledding, and even the fabulous Opening Ceremony! You can watch all of

these events on your TV on most news channels and NBC. Be sure to watch when all of the competitors receive their medal as well, on the 28th of February. This is a great thing to see, because it only happens four years!



The 2010 opening ceremony in Vancouver



Q&A with Sami Slug

Dear Sami,

Are there any books that I can read that will teach me more about the environment?

- Eager Reader

Dear Eager,

Actually, I was reading some of them myself! Here's two good ones:

- The Everything Kids Environment Book, Sheri Amsel

- The Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming, Laurie David and Cambria Gordon

- Recycle!, Gail Gibbons

Happy Reads!

Dear Sami,

I've heard that using spray paint or something with that kind of bottle hurts the environment. Is that true?

- Ozone Safe

Dear Ozone,

Yes, unfortunately that used to be true, but now much more spray paints don't release harmful gases into the ozone, or protective layer of gas around the earth. To make sure, have your parents check the side of the can before buying it, and if it's not safe, back on the shelf it goes! Anyway, thanks for your good question, protecting our planet is always a great thing.

-Sami Slug

Dear Sami,

What does it mean for plastic to be 1s, 2s, or 3s?

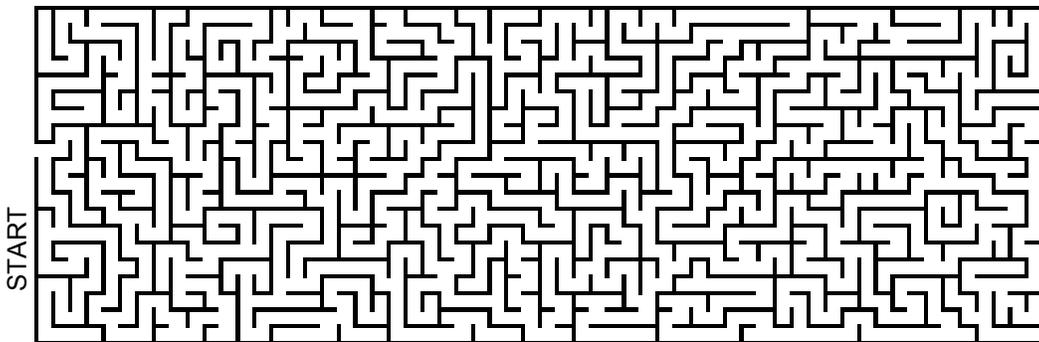
- Number Jumbles

Dear Jumbles,

The letters on the bottom of plastic bottles or other plastics is what you are thinking of. These tell people whether or not it can be recycled. 1 and 2, which are most common can be recycled. Oh, and another safety tip: NEVER put any kind of plastic in the microwave, no matter what kind it is. This could cause radiation, which is NOT something you want when trying to help the environment.

-Sami Slug

Fun And Games



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