**LITTERLESS LUNCH & RECYCLE GAME LESSON PLAN**

* **Get green District bag with Litterless Lunch Label on it. Also get recycling bins with recycling materials in it under storage rack. All these are located in storage unit.**
* Start off by asking students where does all the trash go? We have a little book that tells about how the garbage from our trash cans is collected and taken to a dump site called a landfill. We show pictures of trash being barged from New York to other states to go in their landfill and show pictures of what a landfill looks like. Pretty soon we will run out of places to put trash if we don’t do something.
* Talk about the 3 R’s: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Define each and give examples.

Reduce – to make smaller. Demonstrate how you can fold a box of cereal or crush an aluminum can. etc to reduce the size of an item.

Reuse – use again. For instance, a worn out toothbrush can be reused as a cleaning tool. Empty toilet paper rolls can be stuffed with dryer lint and reused to light the wood stove.

Recycle - glass, metal, paper and plastic can be processed to make new items. The old glass, metal, paper and plastic is put in special recycling bins instead of the trash can so it can be made into new glass, metal, paper and plastic items. Show examples of each.

* Prepare two lunch boxes. I used two little thermal bags that Velcro shut for my lunch bags. In one bag put paper napkin, throw away juice box, pre-packed snack like cookies, chips that the bag is thrown away, you get the idea. We took a lunchable and emptied the contents and taped the packaging shut to keep in our demo kit. In the other bag use thermos or reusable bottle, reusable plastic container for sandwich, reusable plastic container for snacks, etc. and bandana for cloth napkin that can be reused. Also include reusable freezer pack to keep items cold. We used plastic play food to put in our reusable plastic containers so that nothing spoils. No litter from the second lunch box and it actually costs less to buy a big bag of chips or cookies, etc. to put in reusable plastic container than it does to purchase prepackaged individual serving snacks. Also, the reusable plastic containers.
* Use leap frog relay materials to set up a relay. At the beginning of the relay place a tub full of the same number of recyclable items for each team. At the end of the relay, place recycle bins for paper, plastic and metal. Not a good idea for students to work with glass 😊