The Green Bus Recycling Experience

The Green Bus Recycling Experience is a dynamic, full day program by the Environmental Education (EE) Program of Lee County School District in partner with the UF/IFAS Extension Service in Lee County and other Governmental agencies and community businesses who have come together with the EE Program, to make this dynamic event possible.

The program is offered for 4th Grade students at Lee County School District elementary schools to become 3R's experts. Our mission is to emphasize on waste reduction, the 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Music, arts and creative problem solving are part of the program. The day begins with a 30-minute assembly, featuring music, video clips, and interaction that sets the stage for students to move outdoors to participate in activities at Destinations Stations focusing on “Reduce”, “Reuse”, “Recycle”. Students are divided into 3 groups and spend 45 minutes at one station before rotating to the next. Students carry their 3Rs Passport, prepared in advance from curricular materials to the Destination Stations.

The program ends with a Recycle Relay/Race where we have several bins labeled for: aluminum, plastic and paper; kids are challenge to sort recyclable items into the right basket.

As part of the wrap up, each school is giving 3 recyclable blue bins to keep it in their buildings to recycling with their kids.

The Destination Stations that the students will visit throughout the day are:

Reduce – “Reduce & Fuse” – students will learn how to “Reduce Your Carbon Footprint” with activities that also includes to make a mural at one side of the bus. The mural remains at each school after the program is concluded.

Reuse – “Reuse Refuse” – students are divided into teams and use recyclable items and binding materials to create something of their own invention. There will be specific “Creative Categories” and students are given a specific amount of time. Once the time is up, each group will explain their creation and then deconstruct it back to its recyclable parts for the next group to come.

Recycle – “Recycle Jeopardy” – The students are divided into smaller groups to compete to win Recycle Jeopardy. Student teams will choose from seven different categories of varied point values and will “buzz” in to offer correct answers. At the end of the game (or time) the team with the most points wins.

Sample Schedule

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The Lee County SustainabLEE Program of the University of Florida Extension Service is proud to been involved since the beginning when the initiative of the Green Bus Recycling experience hatched. This program was awarded during the 2010 EPAF (Extension Professional Association of Florida) as a “Success Story” video to be highlighted in the South Central District section video.