

The Green Mother Goose: Saving the World One Rhyme at a Time

Hands on Investigation with Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District

- Here in the HCSWCD Education Department we offer a variety of free educational programs. One of our popular programs is called “The Curious Garden”. In this program students will follow a boy named Liam as he changes a gray city scene to a lush garden world, inspiring the people around him along the way. Children will discover all that a plant needs to survive and learn that they aren’t too small to make a change. This story shows how humans impact the environment. Afterwards, they will have the opportunity to plant the seed that could start their own garden! To schedule this free program visit <http://www.hcswcd.org/classroom-programs.html> or call 513-772-7645 and ask for Sara or Gwen.

Research Project

- Have students research a theme from one of the poems in *The Green Mother Goose: Saving the World One Rhyme at a Time*. A few example topics include recycling, energy and water conservation, healthy living, pollution and ways to conserve natural resources.
- Have students report on their findings.

Recycling Challenge

- Encourage students to start recycling in their homes. Have students keep track of everything that they recycle for a week.
- Have students share their experiences and how much ‘trash’ they were able to keep out of the landfill during their week of recycling.

Write a Poem

- Have students think of other popular favorite rhymes and see if they can give them an environmentally friendly twist.
- Students could also be given the opportunity to create an original poem about an environmental topic of their choice.

Create a Collage

- Carin Berger, illustrator of *The Green Mother Goose: Saving the World One Rhyme at a Time* uses old newspapers, bottles and cans to bring life to the revamped rhymes. Have students pick a favorite poem from the book and create a collage out of recycled items that represents the poem of their choice.

