

Cathy's "Don't Forget the Bag" Notes

This assembly's intention is to empower you...empower you to change one behavior that will have a positive impact on the environment locally and globally. It will raise your awareness of an issue that litters our world and harms our wildlife.

Let's find out what "It" is by asking you 10 questions. Listen to all ten questions first, and then you may raise your hand if you think you know what "It" is.

READ FIRST '10' CLUES

Plastic Shopping Bags! That is what "IT" is. The one behavior you can change to make a difference in our environment is to stop using plastic shopping bags.

The following slides will tell you what plastic bags are made of. They will tell you if recycling plastic bags is effective or efficient. And most importantly they will show you how plastic bags pollute our world and harm—and even kill—animals. Listen carefully and watch.

READ SLIDE SHOW

What are plastic bags made from? Is it effective to recycle plastic bags? What can we do?

STOP USING PLASTIC BAGS!

In my role as the Target® 2009 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail™ I asked my sponsor, Target®, if they would support Carolina Day School in an environmental program. We are calling the program, "Don't Forget the Bag' Week." Your parents have received information from the school to participate in this effort. We would like every family to try to not use plastic bags next week, October 19-25. To help us in that effort to remember to take our reusable bags into stores when we go shopping Target® is giving each one of you a reusable bag. Target® sent CDS a total of 800 bags!

PULL THE CURTAIN LADIES! WE WANTED YOU TO SEE HOW QUICKLY PLASTIC BAGS CAN ACCUMULATE. LOOK AT THE MOUNTAIN OF BAGS THE LOWER SCHOOL FAMILIES USE IN JUST ONE WEEK. (And many of our families use cloth and reusable bags!)

Our hope is that participating in the "Don't Forget the Bag Week" will help you and your families make it a habit to take your reusable bags shopping and that you won't want to use plastic bags ever again. Let's make a difference in our environment locally and globally. Let's have every family at Carolina Day School participate. Send in your participation forms tomorrow!