

## **4empowerment®**

### **EARTHDAY CURRICULUM RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES**

There are a wealth of online resources for Earth Day. Check out these sites for curriculum ideas. Most activities are not correlated to standards or grade level, so you'll be the judge of what's appropriate for your classes.

#### **WEB EXPLORATION EXERCISES TO TIE IN WITH THE POLL/SURVEY:**

This form is available online at: <http://www.cyberwaysandwaterways.com/en/tryThisAtHome/webexplore.pdf>. We've provided below some suggestions for use, but feel free to design your own way to work with this material.

#### **SUGGESTED USE**

- Have students perform and print out poll/survey (or distribute a copy of the questions). Have students choose a question or questions from the poll/survey and do the corresponding exercise(s). Ask students to write a short essay about what they've learned (specify length that is appropriate for your class) and/or give a brief report to the class. They could either write the essay in their 4empowerment online notebooks or submit them on paper.
- Another option is to have students evaluate several of the websites and choose one they found most informative. Have them explain why. The American Library Association: has put Selection Criteria for Websites online at: <http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites/criteria.html>

#### **CURRICULUM RESOURCES**

Earth Day 2001 Teacher's Lounge  
<http://earthday.wilderness.org/teachers/>

The Teachers and Parents Page at Planet Pals  
<http://www.planetpals.com/teachers.html>

Earth's Birthday: Hands-on Curriculum  
<http://www.earthsbirthday.org/handson/index.html>

Earth Day Activities from Kidsdomain  
<http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/earthday/activity.html>

#### **ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND IDEAS**

The Earth Day Groceries Project is a cost-free environmental awareness project in which students decorate paper grocery bags with environmental messages for Earth Day. <http://www.earthdaybags.org>

Have your classes send an earth day greeting at one of these sites!

- [http://earthday.wilderness.org/forms/postcard/postcard\\_ed.html](http://earthday.wilderness.org/forms/postcard/postcard_ed.html)
- [http://cards.123greetings.com/cgi-bin/newcards/showthumbs.pl?q1=eapr\\_earthday&log=kdearth](http://cards.123greetings.com/cgi-bin/newcards/showthumbs.pl?q1=eapr_earthday&log=kdearth)

Earth Day Ideas is a fun place for your students to explore:  
<http://www.planetpals.com/earthdayideas.html>

Lorax's Save the Trees Game (from Dr. Seuss online at Random House) doesn't teach a lot about the environment, but it sports the Dr. Seuss illustrations, generates excitement about planting trees, and helps those having trouble learning to use the mouse.  
<http://www.randomhouse.com/seussville/games/lorax/>