

May the 4Rs Be With You Contest 2023

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1st Place Elementary Comic

My 4Rs: Rethink, Realize, Remember, Respect



My (Re)Generation Action Story:

In this picture I drew 2 Earths in the middle. One of the Earths is very nice and clean while the other Earth is polluted with trash. That is what the Earth will become if we continue to pollute the Earth with plastic, cans, wrappers, etc... This will hurt the animals and others.

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Emily's Story Continued:

Would you want to live on a Planet that is stinky, polluted, full of garbage, and Disgusting? Let me Guess, NO, but... Would you want to live on a planet that is nice and clean with no garbage on the ground? YES!! On the left side, I drew people littering on the ground. Day by day, the trash increases just like in our world, the trash increases each day. On the right side, I drew a plant dying. Day by day, the trash increases and the trash hurts our plants. We need to Realize that we can recycle wrappers and turn them into a new object! We need to Remember that the Landfill is getting full. We need to Rethink our decisions. We need to Respect the Planet we live on. The beautiful nature it holds. Mother nature took care of us and we now need to pay her back with respect. We can't just ruin the Earth and expect for another planet to live on. This is our home. In my second picture I drew small chunks of problems we have now. I made the larger chunks cause and the smaller chunks are the effects. In the middle, I drew a large picture of true activists who splashed tomato soup on a famous painting made by Vince Van Gogh. The picture was made out of oil paint and oil paints are dangerous to the environment. The Activists names are Phoebe Plummer and Anna Holland. Soon other Activists started to throw food at paintings that are made out of oil paint.

The Landfill gets more than 2000 lbs of garbage each day! The landfill in Livermore will soon be closed because the landfill will be filled with trash. We would have to start putting trash in our yards, backyard, and houses! We would also have to throw trash into the oceans! This would hurt a lot of animals! Think about it, When you go to the beach to swim, you suddenly feel lots of garbage! Think about the food that is wasted! It would stink up the world! Think about how many fast food restaurants, restaurants, and houses there are in your neighborhood! That would have lots of trash, food, etc... Think about our lives, we would have to live on a Planet that is really disgusting, EVERY Single DAY!

I started to teach my family how to recycle, rot/compost, and be certain about things to throw away. Usually we just use lots and lots of paper towels, but now we use reusable tablecloths. Even my grandma's started using them! We stopped using so many plastic bags to carry items, so we started to use reusable bags to carry groceries. When I throw the trash away, my mom tells me to sort the trash in the correct spots! My family also started to recycle wrappers! Every single piece of trash counts. Even if you throw one piece of trash, that piece of trash could go in the oceans and an animal could eat it! You still polluted the Earth. Please stop wasting so many things. Start recycling, composting, and not just throw them all in landfills!