

Dear Family,

In my class today we made bird feeders by reusing milk containers.

Did You Know?

- The plastic that is used to produce gallon milk containers is the same plastic that is used to produce items such as grocery bags, shampoo bottles, and cereal box liners. The manufacturing process to produce plastic is damaging to our environment. The process uses a lot of energy and creates pollution. When the plastic products are thrown away rather than recycled, they are damaging to the environment. Reusing and recycling the plastic is a great way to help the environment. The recycled plastic can be used to make new milk containers. The recycled plastic can also be used to make items such as floor tiles, gardening tools, flower pots, and recycling bins.
- Some birds common to the United States include sparrows, cardinals, mockingbirds, orioles, chickadees, robins, bluebirds, finches, and mourning doves. These birds create nests to protect their eggs and young birds after they hatch. These species of birds generally eat insects, seeds, grains, and fruits. Some of the species also enjoy eating caterpillars and spiders. These birds are vocalizers and each type of bird has its own sounds that it makes. Some of the species migrate to warmer climates during the cold months, while others stay in the United States year round.

Ask Your Child:

- How did you make the bird feeders?
- Did you see any birds today? Tell me about the birds that you saw.
- What did you put in the bird feeders?
- Where did you put the bird feeders when you were done making them?
- Tell me some other things that you could make by reusing a milk container.

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Do you have a recycling bin in your home? Look through the recycling bin with your child. Is there anything that you could use to make your own bird feeder? If not, maybe you have a container in your refrigerator or cabinets that you could use. You will need scissors, string, some birdseed, and a place outside to hang the bird feeder. Cut a wide hole on one side of the container. Tie a piece of string onto the handle of your container or make a hole near the top and put the string through the hole. If you have stickers, paint, crayons, or markers, you and your child can decorate the bird feeder. Hang the bird feeder outside near a window so that you can see the birds when they visit.

Vocabulary Words To Use With Your Child: recycle, reuse, plastic, prefer, compare, environment