

Enrichment Activity:

1. Make recycled paper as a class project. Instructions are included below. The students may take home the instruction sheet and work the project at home with their families.
2. Make a greeting card out of recycled paper. Students can draw designs on their finished paper. Use a glue pen to write a message or design a border and then sprinkle with glitter. Punch a hole in the corner and run curly ribbon through it to form a gift tag, if preferred.

ASK STUDENTS: Is paper made from a renewable or non-renewable resource? Explain your reasoning.
*Recycling or reusing resources decreases waste in landfills and decreases the demand for that resource.

Making Recycled Paper..

~Ingredients~

- Large square pan, about 3 inches deep
- 3 cups of water
- A whole section of newspaper
- A rolling pin, or a liter glass beverage bottle, or...
- a plastic pipe, tube, or any cylinder to roll with.

STEP 1

Tear 1-2 pages of newspaper into small pieces of 1 inch or less.



STEP 2

Put the paper chips into a large bowl and add all the water to it. Keep adding paper, tearing it and squeezing it, until the mixture looks like thick oatmeal.

STEP 3

With the pan turned UPSIDE DOWN, place about 1 cup of the blended pulp over the bottom of the pan. Spread it with your fingers evenly across the entire area.



STEP 4

Lay several sheets of newspaper over the pulp, then carefully turn the pan over. Remove the pan. Your pulp "square" is now sitting on the newspaper.

STEP 5

Close the newspaper over the pulp. Using the rolling pin, roll over the newspaper to blot out the extra water.



STEP 6

Uncover and let the new "paper" dry COMPLETELY. When it is thoroughly dry, peel your new "recycled paper" away from the newspaper.

It can now be cut to any size and used to make a variety of things!

