



The 5 Rs Mural

Talking to your Class about the New School Artwork

Dear Miller Teacher,

We hope you will find time to talk to your class about the new mural at Miller. We put together some information to help discuss the importance of "The 5 Rs" and give ideas for ways we can Be Kind To Earth:

REFUSE

- Refuse to throw garbage on the ground.
- Refuse to use plastic when you don't have to.
- Eat lots of fruits and veggies that don't come wrapped in plastic!

REDUCE

- Reduce the amount of plastic and paper you use.
- Reduce air pollution by walking or biking to school if you can.
- Reduce how much water you use.

REUSE

- Reuse things whenever you can. Maybe a cardboard box could turn into a rocket ship, a submarine, and even a racecar!
- Always bring your reusable water bottle.

RECYCLE

- Recycle paper
- Recycle glass
- Recycle metal, like aluminum cans
- Recycle plastics if they are #1, #2, or #5

ROT

- Rotting food can be turned into compost, which gives nutrients back to plants.
- Always separate food scraps into the right bin with NO stickers or bags or other garbage.

These are just some of the ways we can help keep our soil, water, and air clean. Being mindful about The 5 Rs will help protect the animals on Earth, too.

More info about recycling in Burbank: <https://www.burbankca.gov/web/public-works/where-it-goes>

Fun questions for your class:

- * Can anyone name a fruit that comes wrapped in its own packaging? (Banana, orange, pineapple...)
- * What are some activities the kids are doing in the mural that look fun? Are those activities good for the Earth? Why?
- * If we could have a vegetable garden at school, what would you like to grow?

Thank you!

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