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I like to observe things. I like to look out the window of my classroom and look at the rich soil, tall trees, and running river. I like to listen to things, too. I like to hear the birds' beautiful melodies and songs only they can understand. I *love* the sound of the water lightly splashing against the rocks. I just like Vermont, and I want these sounds and visions to be able to stay- so Earth Day is a perfect opportunity to be able to preserve these feelings.

As I have described, Vermont is a beautiful place, and it doesn't even take much to notice this. I can notice all of these wonderful things from the place I sit at school. There are so many ideas and opportunities of things you can do in this wonderful environment, but there are also numerous things that can produce a negative effect for the environment. This is where Earth Day comes in- every April 22 since 1970.

Negative effects for the environment in Vermont can end in pollution (more specifically air pollution), for starters. This pollution can be caused by using cars, heating your house, and other fossil fuel-based products. Ways you can help are biking or walking to school, if you live close enough. Or you can try and use less energy at home. Just think about how the world would be if we used solar panels!

Something you may want to consider is alternatives for everyday items that aren't great for the environment. For example, you can try and use reusable water bottles instead of bottled water. Another thing you can do is use eco-friendly bags as a substitute for plastic ones. You can also try and come up with your own ideas- think like an inventor!

I've told you some of the negative effects in our ecosystems, and I have told you some of the things they can lead to, so this is why Earth Day is a great opportunity to clean up our beautiful environment, and it can start to get you thinking about more organic and environmental substitutes for some things you use every day.