

Earth Day Essay

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“Be the change you want to see in the world” is a quote by Mahatma Gandhi. I think that means to me that you can make the world a better place if you try. It can take one person to change everything, but it would be better if everyone could help make the earth a better place. You may be thinking how can I help the world? I help by picking up trash or saving electricity by turning off the lights when I am not using them.

You can also help outside by planting trees or flowers. You may be thinking how does that help? Well both of the plants help to clean the air and shade people on a hot day. Trees and plants clean the air using a process of photosynthesis. They take in bad air, carbon dioxide, and use it to make food, but then they give off oxygen which we need to breathe. Trees are like sponges that clean the air. We need trees to build home furniture like tables and doors. So if people keep on cutting down trees and not recycling we will not have the best earth that it could be.

Not only should we plant trees, we should pick up trash. Even better, we should recycle or reuse what we can. We can make the world a better place if we try. Try participating in Green Up Day or encourage other people to be better about trash.

Have you noticed we have less snow and warmer summers and winters? That is happening because of global warming. What is Global warming anyway? Global warming is when the earth is warming up. Why is the earth warming up? Believe it or not it is us, people. The greenhouse gasses are caused by factories and vehicles and many more burning things because the exhaust goes up to the sky and makes it so heat stays on the earth. It does not go up into space because there is a layer around the earth. It is like a blanket around the earth or a greenhouse where all the heat stays in the greenhouse.

Even though we are kids, we can make earth a better place. My family goes skiing. We didn't go skating or skiing many times this year because it was too warm or rainy for ice. My dad built an ice skating rink and we only got to go once this year. Our school ski lessons were cut short because of lack of snow. If we don't change what is happening to the earth, some day there may be no snow in Vermont! That would be so sad. So maybe, if we all green up our earth and work together, we can make the world a better place.