

World Environment Day



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Environmental

Education

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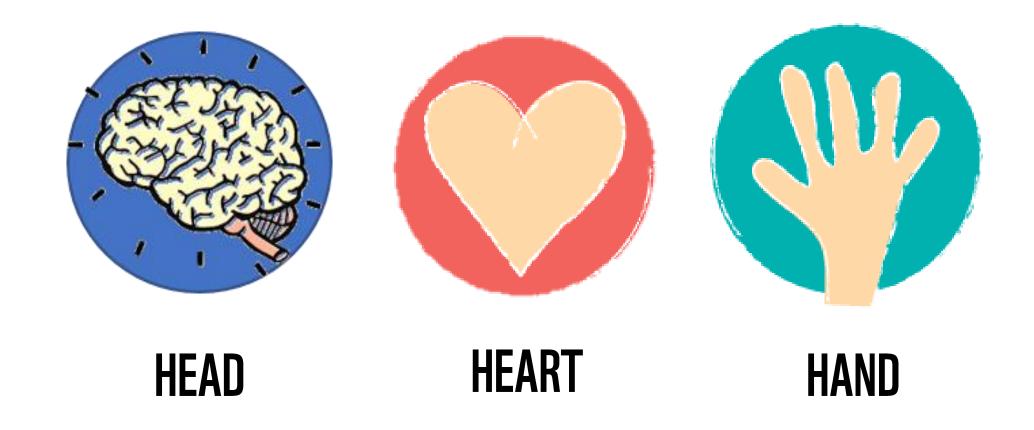
FamilEE: Practicing Environmental Education at Home

Environmental Education (EE)

Environmental education is a learning process that increases people's <u>knowledge and awareness</u> about the environment and associated challenges, develops the necessary <u>skills and expertise</u> to address the challenges, and fosters <u>attitudes</u>, <u>motivations</u>, <u>and commitments</u> to make informed decisions and take responsible <u>action</u> (UNESCO, Tbilisi Declaration, 1978).



The goal of ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION is to improve all ecological relationships, including the relationship of humanity with nature, and people with each other. **Dimensions of EE**





HEAD Dimension

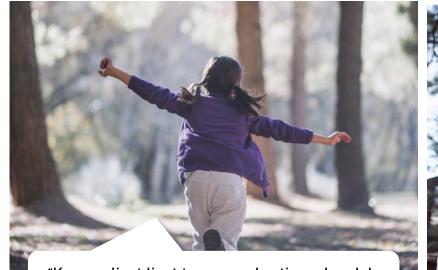
Learning ABOUT the Environment

content, information, topics, discussions, research

 Are whale sharks whales or sharks?
 What is a watershed?
 What are the benefits of container farming?
 How are zoonotic diseases transferred?



- Explore your child's interests
 - Pay attention to their questions
 - **Observe what makes them** • curious
- Think of possible "experiments" ۲ or areas for "investigation"
- Look into current events



"Kung palipat lipat tayo ng aakyatin na bundok, 'yon ba ang CLIMBING CHANGE, Nanay?!!"

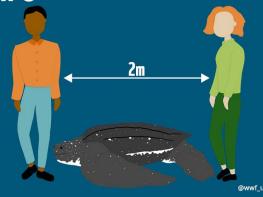
SOCIAL

TIPS

IMAGINE THAT THERE IS A DISTANCING GIANT PANDA BETWEEN YOU AND THE OTHER PERSON

SOCIAL DISTANCING TIPS

IMAGINE THAT THERE IS A LEATHERBACK TURTLE **BETWEEN YOU AND THE OTHER PERSON**





HEART Dimension

Learning IN and THROUGH the Environment

Establishing connections, finding personal meaning



- Explore your backyard's biodiversity
 - Look for shapes, colors, patterns
 - Observe living and nonliving things
- Play with your pets!
- Appreciate beauty!
- Relish the peace that nature offers.



"The most effective way to save the threatened and decimated natural world is to cause people to fall in love with it again, with its beauty and its reality."

SIR PETER SCOTT



HAND Dimension

Learning FOR the Environment

Action, participation, contribution, advocacy

ECOLOGICAL HANDPRINT

For each action you are already doing, shade in the numbered circle on your handprint.

For each action you would like to do in the future, shade in that circle with a different colour.

Consumption

9. Before I buy something new I consider - Do I need it? Can I borrow it? Can I buy it second hand?
10. I repair things rather than throw them out
11. I bring my own bag when shopping

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Community

5. I have learned about sustainability in my school
6. I talk to my parents about protecting the environment
7. I stand up for important issues

Waste

8. I volunteer

 24. I recycle
 25. I choose a litter-free lunch

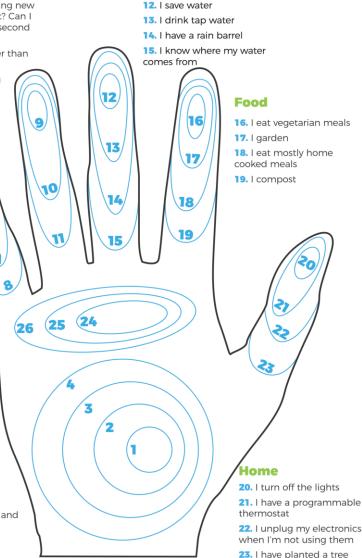
26. I safely throw out hazardous waste (paint, batteries, electronics, etc.)

Transportation

I walk
 I cycle
 I take the bus
 I carpool

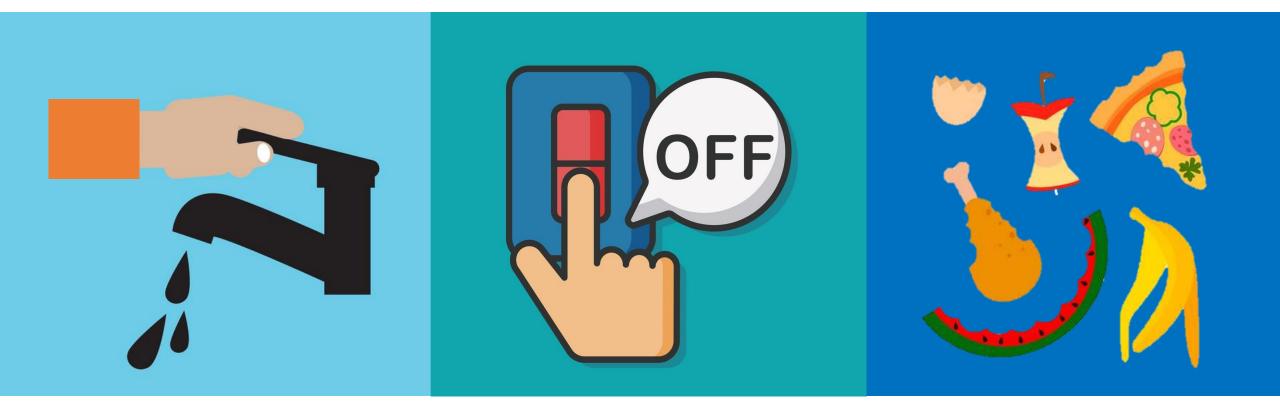
27. I like being outside and protecting nature. (Colour all white spaces between the circles)

Water



PAANO MAARING I-REUSE ANG ISANG PLASTIC BOTTLE?



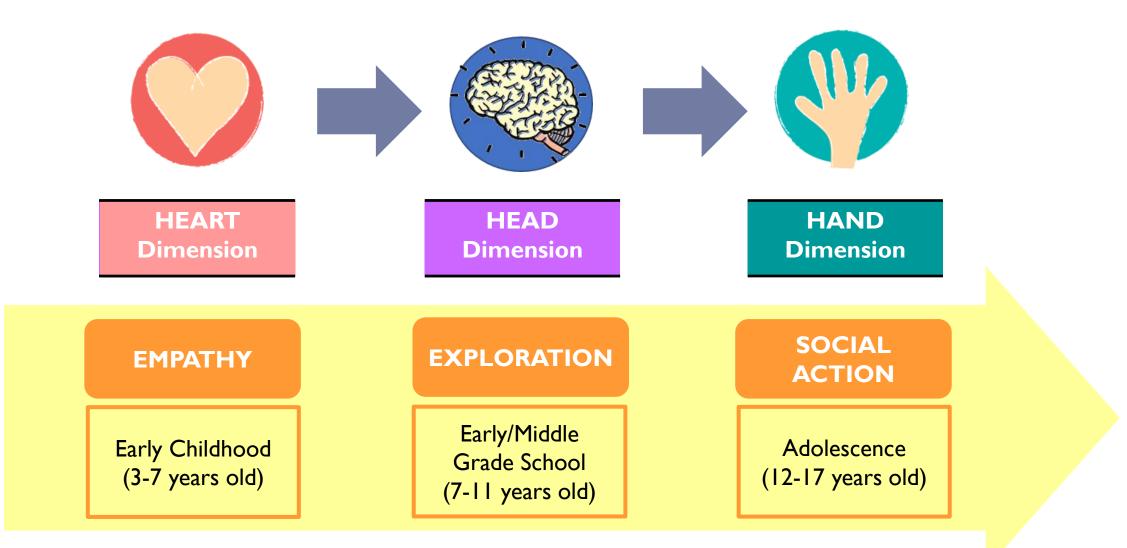




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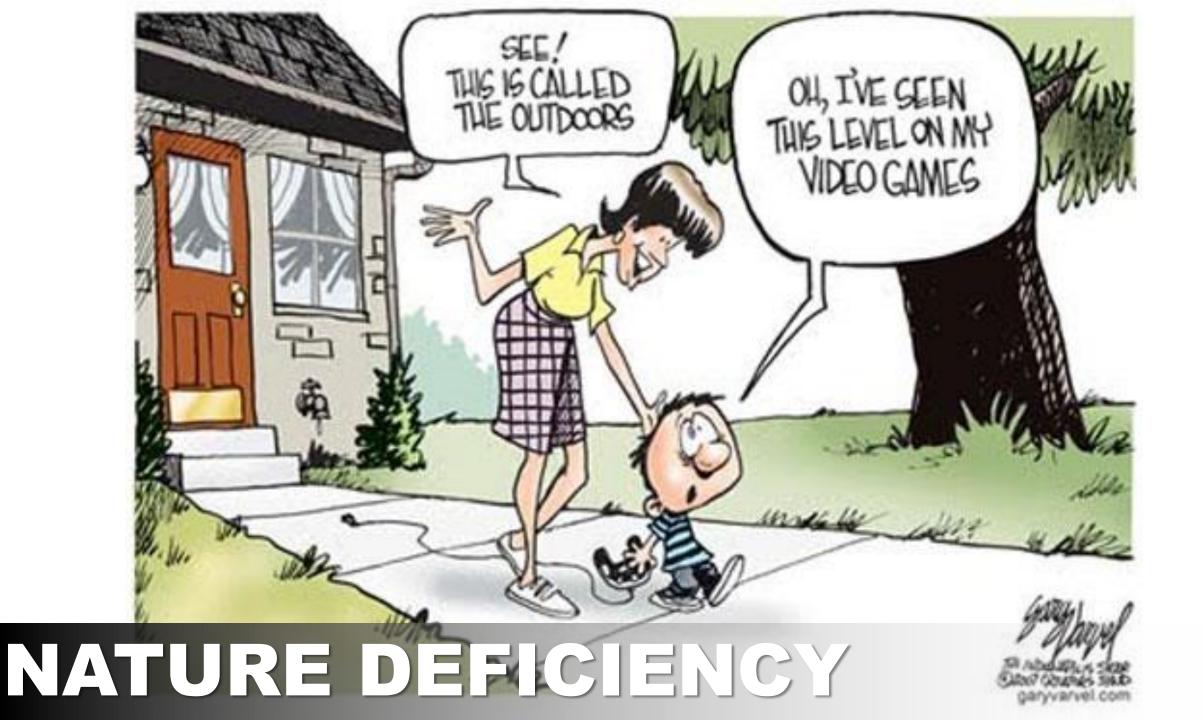




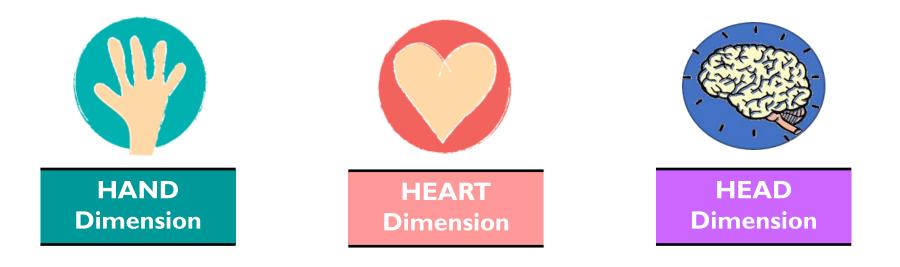
If facts are the seeds that later produce knowledge and wisdom, then the emotions and the impressions of the senses are the fertile soil in which the seeds must grow.

The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil.

- Rachel Carson



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Representing the Environment

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Beyond cardboard rainforests

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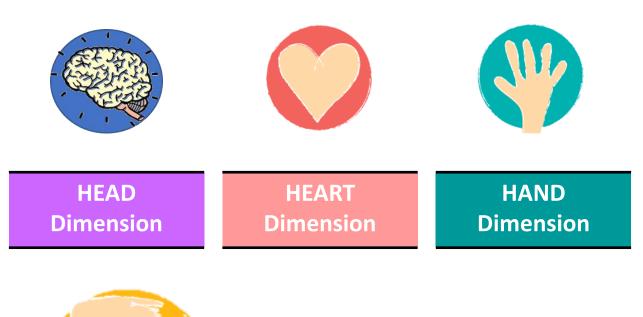
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RIGHT NOW, THIS ADULT COULD BE YOU!!!!

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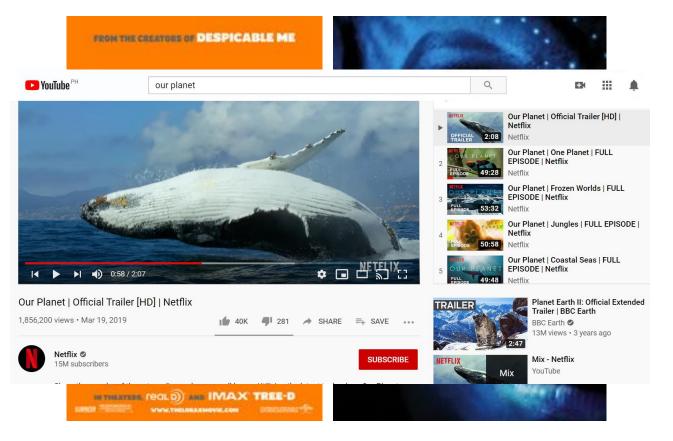




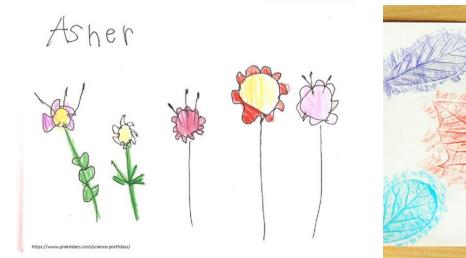


Never underestimate *your* own influence and power!





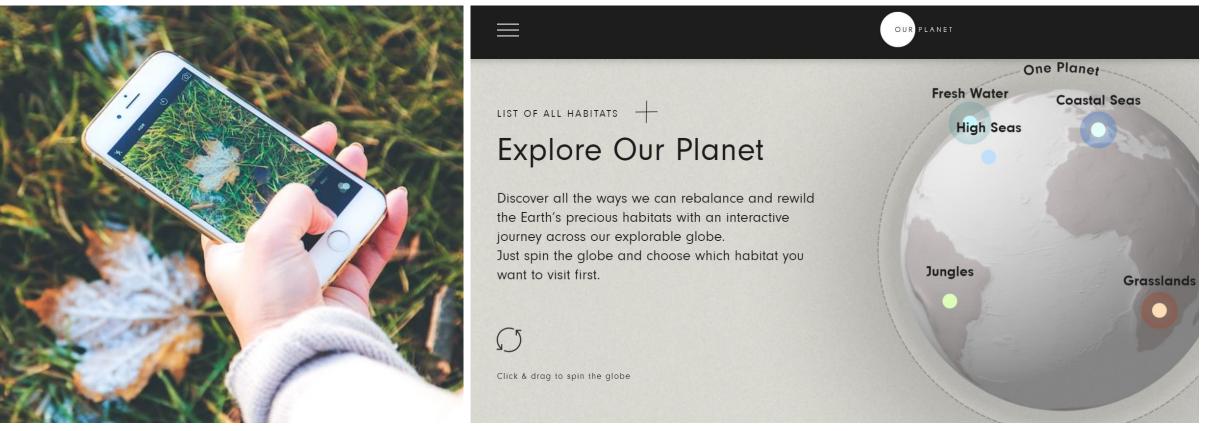






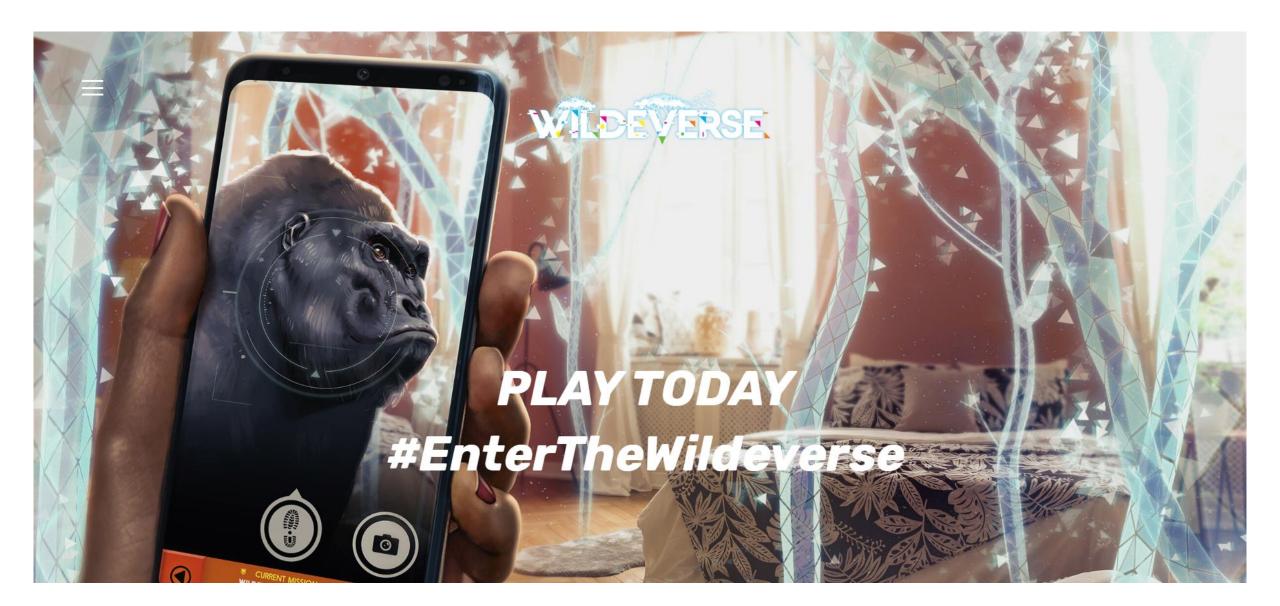






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ADDITIONAL EE TIPS



ENCOURAGE PLAY & SOCIAL LEARNING

Play is important for children's learning. Positive interactions with peers can help strengthen their positive attitudes toward the environment.

FOSTER THE ROLE OF "ACTIVE STAKEHOLDER"

Help children realize that even at a young age, their participation is important and they can do something to help the environment.



MAKE IT RELEVANT

Include local issues and situations that can directly affect them.



PROMOTE DIRECT EXPERIENCES

The use of their senses helps them explore, understand and make meaning of the things around them.

INCLUDE FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, ROLE MODELS



Seeing other people can predispose children to also care for nature. Parents' involvement and approval serve as motivation for children to learn more about the environment. Collective actions help make solutions more doable. <u>Biodiversity Toolkit</u> https://www.worldwildlife.org/teaching-resources/toolkits/biodiversity-toolkit

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