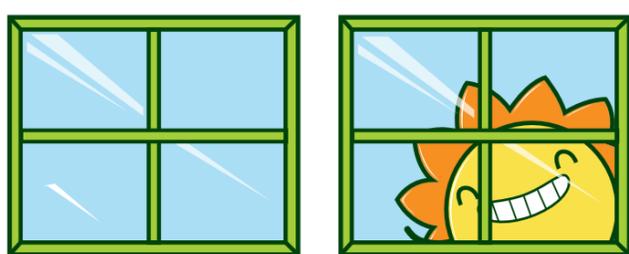


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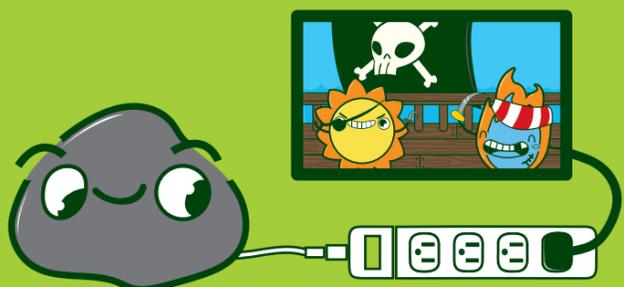
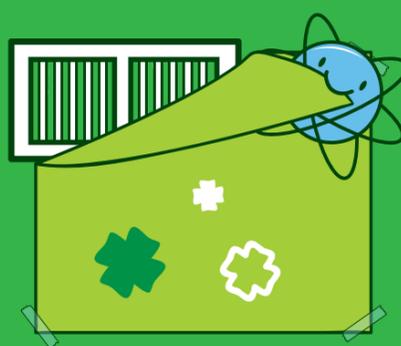
MAKE THE GREENEST DAY OF THE YEAR EVEN MORE GREEN WITH ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM!

Decorating the classroom for the holiday?
Use recyclable materials!



Have windows in your classroom? If it's too warm, close the blinds. If it's chilly, let that sunshine in!

Be sure to keep air vents and returns free of office supplies, files, crafts, books, and students. A blocked air vent must work harder to heat or cool the room and return fresh air.



Invest in smart power strips to prevent phantom loads. Many electronics continue to use power even when turned off. Smart strips can detect and shut off the power completely to unused devices.

Similarly, power down computers and tablets when not in use. Screensavers look nice, but still consume energy. Try setting a sleep mode if inactive for more than 10 minutes.



Designate a student to be the light monitor who oversees and ensures lights are switched off when leaving a room.

Have your students bring a refillable water bottle to class instead of purchasing from vending machines or buying bottled water from the cafeteria.



Look around your classroom. What do you see? Posters? Notebooks? Cardboard boxes? Textbooks? Bulletin boards decorated with construction paper? You get the picture. Paper is everywhere! Paper is the number one material that we throw away. Make sure your classroom is set up with a paper recycling bin.

A fun activity designed to increase students' awareness of their energy wasting habits and to reinforce simple energy-saving behaviors is NEED's *America's Most Wanted Energy Wasters*. Make sample wanted posters for each student, then use a digital camera, polaroid camera, or have them draw their faces for the poster. Students then write down a daily "energy crime" log such as leaving the water on when brushing teeth, leaving the TV on, not turning off lights in unused rooms, etc. You can incorporate "Energy Sheriffs" and differentiate the activity to best fit your classroom needs and age level.