

Center Street School Grades of Green - What's Up El Segundo

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recycling may be complicated for many

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but here at center elementary they

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have it all under control about eight

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years ago two parents notice the large

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amounts of trash that were being

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disposed of daily and knew they had to

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change they had heard of a newly formed

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organization called grades of green and

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decided to bring the recycling program

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to their children's school never since

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then we've had parent volunteers

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supporting the program to help teach the

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kids about reduce reuse recycle do

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whatever you can to keep up at a

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landfill during mealtimes at the school

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four bins are placed out for kids to

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sort out their trash in the appropriate
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bins every Tuesday parent volunteers
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show up during lunch to help reinforce
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recycling on what they call trash free
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tuesdays it's amazing to see how many
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kids it does stick with the kids that
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we've been working with since
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kindergarten are now actually in the
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middle school and very thoughtful about
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what they're throwing away and even hear
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some of the kindergarteners as soon as
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they see what we're doing they get super
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excited it's like a puzzle to them to
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put the right thing in the right place
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it's easy all you have to do is take all
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the vegetables and fruit come in the
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veggies aisle and then all you have to
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do is throw away your trash and recycle
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it's important to recycle because soon
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we won't have this pretty land that we
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have now sorting has helped them reduce

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their trash from a trash cans a day to

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one and a half and has even helped and

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repurpose organic waste it all kind of

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aligns it aligns with our social studies

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curriculum it erat alliance with our

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science curriculum we have the garden

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program that all of the compost that we

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create from these food waste all goes

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right into our garden which is something

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that all of the students transitional

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kindergarten through fifth grade I'll

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take part in that the amount that we can

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compost and keep right here on campus is

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amazing we're basically feeding our

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garden with the leftover of fruit and

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vegetable waste that we have and it's

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great staying here and doing good things

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I think we're helping because we know

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where those

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and what impact it has here recycling

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juice pouches has also helped in more
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ways than one once a year the green
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committee melz them out to TerraCycle
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who repurposes them and give the school
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two cents per pouch money that goes
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directly to school programs typically
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once monthly we will run a raffle prize
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drawing for the kids that are trash for
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you during lunch they have the
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opportunity to win something like a new
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reasonable water bottle or a book about
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the earth or something that reflects
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what we're here to teach them will use
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some of the goods the funds from
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TerraCycle to pay for that it's really a
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whole school commitment to the
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environment to recycling to not to
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making this a better planet there's only
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so much that we have here in earth and I
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mean once when we use all that I mean
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then how are we going to live the way

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we're living right now trash freeze

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easier than you think we hear parents

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say oh it's too much hassle to put stuff

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in a container and wash a container

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clearly not just becomes primary habit

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like brushing your teeth and it's what

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you teach the kids is what the parents

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share with their children that really

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makes a huge difference if you'd like to

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find out more on other ways you can help

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recycle or become a parent volunteer as

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for the green committee for el segundo

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TV I'm Jennifer moody yo

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