

## EE Updates Online Spring 2023

We have finished up our Project Wet lesson plans and have created a database of Online Ready Environmental lessons for our teachers to use. We have also submitted these to our Project Wet coordinator who is hoping to use these to create a database for other schools, online and in-person, to use.

Some of the fun activities we have coming up in the next few weeks:

### K-5 Virtual trip to the animal rescue center

We have been learning about how we can affect the lives of animals through the things we do and this visit will help us to see some of the ways that we can be helpful to wild animals that need our support.

### K-12 In-person trip to Pine River to learn about water quality and Minnesota's river systems

What is in the exhibit?

The exhibit features statewide and local information about Minnesota's position as the headwaters of three major basins; the sacredness of water to Minnesota's first peoples, the Dakota and Ojibwe; land changes over time; the current stresses on water; steps needed to make progress; and stories about the meaning and use of water by local people.

### K-12 Tree Planting at Fort Ripley and Fort Knutson

Our students will help plant trees that will benefit the community for generations to come and help us to learn to care for or plants and make a lasting difference.

### K-12 Earth Day Bingo (this will last 1-2 weeks depending on grade level)

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Calculate your carbon footprint <a href="#">here</a> .	Carry a reusable bag shopping with you.	Take a shorter shower.	Wash only a full load of dishes or laundry.	Create a photo collage of an ecosystem near you.
Identify a tree in your area.	Take a photo of a plant or flower.	Free Space	Play <a href="#">Jacobs Ladder</a> and create your own ecosystem.	Plan a garden
Explore <a href="#">environmental career options</a> .	Create a nature collage	Turn off lights as you leave an empty room for a whole day.	Sketch a picture of nature in your area.	Use Minecraft or something similar to create a new way to recycle.
Make or fill a bird feeder.	Use a reusable water bottle for 2 full days.	Go for a walk or bike ride through your neighborhood.	Test your home energy IQ with <a href="#">this quiz</a> .	Take a virtual field trip to the <a href="#">Salt Domes Zoo</a> .
Make an environmental goal for yourself and send your future self an email to check in in 6 months. <a href="#">Futureme.com</a>	Unplug an electronic device when not in use.	Identify a bird in your neighborhood.	Create something new out of something you were going to throw out.	Enjoy a plant-based meal.

### 5-12 Floating classroom trip with the National Loon Center

Students in grades 5-12 will have the opportunity to spend time on the Stewardship, a floating classroom where we will learn more about loon habitats and our effects on them.

Over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating Earth Day and participating in several in-person and virtual activities. We will also be offering a recorded version of these events for students that are not able to attend.