“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” —Jane Goodall

In honor of REUSING items, we will be holding a Trash to Treasure contest! Take the trash from around your home and make it a treasure! Check out the two activities on the following pages as an example! You decide the size, theme, and (mostly recycled & clean) materials. Submit a photo of your unique art to us by Sunday, April 26th. We will then post your images on our Facebook page for our followers to vote on. First, Second and Third place winners will earn a discount code to our shop. Winners will be announced on May 4th. Submit all images to Amanda Ackerly at aackerly@cbgsc.org. We can’t wait to see what you come up with!
Did You Know?

Textile Waste is one of the biggest pollutants of our ecosystem. What happens to discarded clothes? 70% ends up at landfills 25% gets incinerated and 5% gets recycled. The U.S. alone sends about 21 billion pounds of textile waste to landfills every year. The textile industry also contributes to environmental degradation by using water, energy, and other resources to produce textiles. Keep in mind these facts when you go to the Mall to shop.

What you need:

Old T-Shirt and Scissors

Reusing an item is better for our earth than recycle! What else can you reuse at home?

Steps:

1. Fold the t-shirt in half and cut along the sleeves and collar.

2. Cut 1-inch by 3-inch fringes at the bottom of the shirt.

3. Tie the ends together twice so it’s strong.
What will you put in your bag?

Lunch?

Bag jump rope?

What else can you make from an old T-shirt?
Did you know?
Over 100 billion plastic bags are used in the United States alone. Plastic bags are difficult and costly to recycle and end up on landfills where they take over 300 years to photodegrade and when they do, they break down into tiny toxic particles that contaminate the soil and waterways. Many countries around the world and states here in the US are banning single use plastics and more people are coming up with alternative ways to solve this issue.

What you need:
15 plastic bags
Scissors and Tape

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What else can you reuse at home?

Steps:
1. Collect 15 plastic bags
2. Cut bags open
3. Cut bags into strip
4. Tape 9 bags to a surface
5. Divide bags into 3 and start braiding
6. When you come to end of the bag, tie a new strip on
7. Once you get to desired length, tape the ends make handles
8. Go outside and have fun!
1. Cut the bags open

2. Make strips.
3. Tape 9 stipes of plastic bags onto a surface
4. Dived them into three and

5. When you run out of plastic bag, just tie another piece to that end.
6. Continue to braid.

7. Once you get to the desired size tape the ends to make a handle.
8. now you are ready to go outside and have fun!