

ANIMAL-FRIENDLY ZONE

YOUR MISSION: Make your schoolyard an animal-friendly zone.

- 1.** Talk about things that are human-made and things that are natural. For example: *playground equipment, a garbage can, a fence, a tree, the grass or flowers.*
- 2.** Select one natural thing and discuss why it is good for animals, and then why it is good for us. For example: *Trees are good for animals because they give the birds a place to live. They are good for us because they give us shade so we are cooler in the summer.*



Next, talk about why human-made things are good for us and why they may or may not be as good for animals. For example: *a garbage can is good for us because it keeps trash off the ground. It is not good for animals because if it doesn't have a lid, animals can eat people food or garbage which will make them sick.*

Talk about how we could make it safer for animals. *For example, we can make it safer by putting a lid on the garbage can.*

- 3.** Talk about things we can do to make the whole town/area better for people and animals. Have students decide on one thing that they can do at school to make an animal-friendly zone and implement it.

Examples

Making bird feeders to put around the school

Planting a tree or wildflower garden

Cleaning up the school yard

DIY Pinecone Bird Feeders



Materials

Spoons, pinecones, peanut butter, birdseed, string, scissors

Instructions

1. Spread peanut butter on the pinecone with the spoons.
2. Roll the pinecone in the birdseed until it is fully covered.
3. Tie a piece of string on it to hang it up.
4. Find a tree branch and hang your bird feeder on it.

Planting a Tree



Materials

Native seedling, shovel, mulch

Instructions

1. Pick a spot and dig a hole.
2. Put the seedling in the hole making sure it is straight.
3. Fill around hole with dirt and press down gently.
4. Water the sapling.
5. Add mulch around the base to keep soil moist and protect the roots.
6. Give the tree a name and take a picture!
7. Continue watching and watering the tree to make sure it stays healthy. Protect the area around it.