

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Your Mission: Build excitement across the school with a door-decorating contest that uses only reused materials.

1. Begin by asking students what they already know about the 3Rs. Discuss their ideas as a class, then introduce how one way to creatively reuse materials is by turning them into works of art.
2. Explain that you are going to organize a school-wide door decorating contest with only reused materials. As a class, decide on the details of your contest:

Theme: Thanksgiving, Halloween, Remembrance Day, December holidays, etc.

When: Determine the preparation period and judging day.

Judging criteria: Be clear about how the doors will be judged, such as creativity, use of reused materials, originality and respecting the theme.

Prizes: Determine a prize. For example: shout out during school announcements, extra gym period, class movie afternoon, pyjama day, etc.

3. Get the word out about the contest through announcements, posters, and/or visiting classes explaining why only reused materials are allowed. Make sure to let everyone know far enough in advance so they can begin to collect materials.
4. On judging day, look at all the entries together and decide on the winner(s). Don't forget to take some pictures! Share the results and highlight how choosing to reuse materials is a wise choice for the environment.

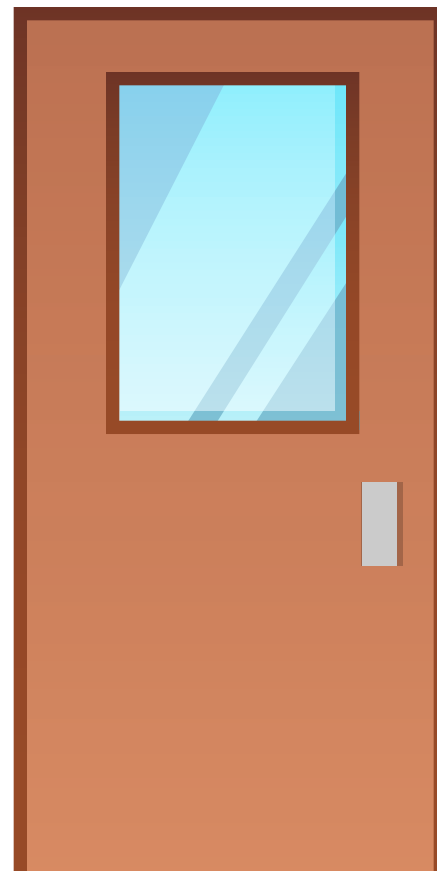
The 3Rs explained to kids

Reduce = use less (taking only what you need)

Reuse = use again (using an empty jam jar to store pencils)

Recycle = turn into something new (putting paper in the recycling bin)

We can also include a fourth R, **Rethink**, to help us choose better options of the Earth like picking a reusable bottle.



SUB-CATEGORIES

THANKSGIVING: *Harvest, What we are thankful for, Autumn scenes, Thanksgiving recipes*

HALLOWEEN: *Monster mash, "Spiders, bats and black cats, oh my!", Friendly ghosts, Trick-or-treating*

YEAR-END HOLIDAYS: *Snowflakes and snow people, Holiday songs, New Year fireworks, Celebrations around the world*

SAMPLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.** Get ready to show off your creative skills with our Thanksgiving door decorating contest! This year, we're challenging each class to decorate their doors using only recycled or reused items. Whether it's a turkey made out of old magazines or a wreath crafted from fallen leaves, we want to see your creative ideas.
- 2.** Attention, ghouls and goblins! Our class is hosting a spook-tacular Halloween door decorating contest! But to win a treat, you'll have to pull off a trick: You can only use recycled or reused materials to decorate your doors. From good-on-one-side paper ghosts to water bottle witches, we can't wait to see your haunted hallways.
- 3.** Winter is here - and so is our winter holiday door decorating contest! This year, we're adding an eco-friendly twist: all decorations must be made from recycled or reused items. Whether you're crafting a winter wonderland out of old newspapers or hanging recycled ornaments on a construction paper tree, we want to see your most creative and sustainable designs.