

Litter Literature With BEE BEE Clean!



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Grades

K-5

Objectives

Students will be able to; 1) Meet BEE BEE Clean, the Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful mascot; 2) Describe the effects of littering; 3) realize that cleaning up provides many benefits; and 4) simulate the roles of characters from a story

Method

Students are introduced to BEE BEE Clean and are told a short story about how BEE BEE helps are community. Students listen to a story, discuss, and then portray the roles of the citizens in the story.

Materials

Book: *The Day the Trash Came Out to Play* by David M. Berdle

Vocabulary

Environment, litter, trash, waste, landfill

Procedure

1. Introduce the class to BEE BEE Clean. Explain that BEE BEE works to help keep our community clean and. Discuss that our environment is everything around us. Our environment at school is different than our environment at home. Ask students to name objects from their school and home environments.

2. Discuss the importance of keeping the environment clean. Ask students what happens when the environment is not clean. Introduce the terms LITTER and WASTE. Explain that litter is waste put in the wrong place (e.g. on the ground, on the road, etc.) Ask the students, "What happens to some litter when it rains?" Explain that when litter ends-up going down a storm drain and potentially into our streams and rivers. Explain the word landfill and explain that a landfill is where people through away their waste.
3. Read the book *the Day the Trash Came Out to Play*. When young Robin throws a candy wrapper on the street of his beautiful town, he unintentionally starts an event of landfill proportions! It's not long before mischievous, high-spirited litter overruns the town. Can Robin fix the situation before everything is buried under a pile of unruly, stinky trash?
4. Discuss the book as a class and have Bee Bee Clean ask the students questions about the litter described in the book.
5. Have students pledge to help BEE BEE Clean keep our community clean and beautiful by not littering and disposing of their waste properly.
6. Give students the opportunity to shake Bee Bee Clean's hand or give him a hug.