

# April is Earth Month

This year, Earth Day falls on April 22. With global climate change and extreme weather, so much is in the news.

The newspaper is a great starting place for students to gain the knowledge to be guardians of the Earth.



## Being Green

Students can do many things to help the Earth be healthier, cleaner and greener. Encourage your students to care for the Earth by saving energy and resources such as water. Use the newspaper as a resource to help your students make a list of ways they can help – remember that little things can make a substantial difference when collected together.

**Standards Link:** Physical Science: Students know the resources of energy; which are renewable and non-renewable and the importance of conserving resources.

☎ To order newspapers for your classroom, call:

*Kid Scoop* is here to inspire reading, learning and writing. And we can save teachers' time! We create a writing prompt to go with the topic of each page. They are easy, quick and fun—great to use for a daily writing activity.

Let your publisher know your students are writing responses to the prompts. Ask if they would publish some student stories.

### GUIDELINES

1. Keep length between 50 and 100 words.
2. Follow directions for the topic. Creativity is great, but is the entry on topic?
3. Make sure writing is legible.
4. Add students' name, school and grade.
5. Screen for appropriateness.

## WEEKLY WRITING PROMPTS

### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Describe what you think people should do and eat at a Cinco de Mayo party.

**Published:** Week of May 3

### Favorite Jokes and Riddles

Send us your favorite jokes and riddles.

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### Animal Facts

Research your favorite Animal. Write five facts about this animal.

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### Remembering Your School Year

Write a paragraph about what you will remember most about this school year.

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### Best Book of the Summer

Summer is a great time to read fun books. What book do you recommend other kids to read this summer? Why?

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### WEEK OF APRIL 5

## SNAIL POWER

Snails. Many parents dread them. Kids are often encouraged to smash them and get them out of the garden. Sid, the snail scholar, wants kids to hear the snail's side of the story. He's agreed to share some special snail information with us this week.

### WEEK OF APRIL 12

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: RACHEL CARSON



Earth Day is celebrated on Rachel Carson's birthday. This week's *Kid Scoop* page gets the scoop on why her birthday was chosen to celebrate and protect our planet.

### WEEK OF APRIL 19

## LET'S GO BANANAS



Nutritious and delicious, bananas are one of the best-loved foods on earth by people of all ages. Let's learn more about this tasty treat!

### WEEK OF APRIL 26

## THINGS YOU CAN'T DO ALONE

Can you think of something you can't do all by yourself? Try enjoying a teeter-totter all by yourself! This week's page looks at the ways people need each other and need to be patient and caring in order to get along.



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