



Meadow Crest Early Learning Center

School district: Renton

School location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: August 2015

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in February 2016

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Meadow Crest achieved a recycling rate of 64%.
- Lead custodian Nicholas Charles sent reminders to staff about best practices for waste reduction and recycling. Mr. Charles used results from a staff survey to learn more about the school's barriers to waste reduction and help the school improve its waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Teachers worked with young students to help them sort garbage, recyclable, and compostable materials, and custodial staff monitored bins for correct sorting.
- When purchasing new supplies, the school transitioned to recyclable or compostable materials for paper towels, cereal bowls, fruit cups, and serving boats.
- Meadow Crest set up a display table showing items that can be recycled. Bins were labeled to show what items could be recycled and composted.
- The school cancelled four unwanted newspaper subscriptions.
- Scrap paper boxes for paper used on one side only were placed in all four workrooms.
- Uneaten snacks were saved in classroom refrigerators or sent back to the kitchen.
- Milk was provided to classrooms in half gallons. To avoid waste, the milk was poured into small cups only for students that wanted milk.