



Rachel Carson Elementary School

School district: Lake Washington

School location: Sammamish

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2017

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Rachel Carson achieved a recycling rate of 60%.
- The school formed a student Green Team made up of 56 students in second-through fifth-grades.
- To promote waste reduction and recycling practices, the team made lunchtime announcements, classroom presentations, and hung posters in school hallways.
- Green Team students were trained by the Green Schools Program to be lunchroom Waste Watchers to monitor sorting stations and to remind students what materials to recycle and which to place in garbage bins.
- To reduce paper use, teachers used PowerSchool to post assignments and sent email newsletters to families.
- The school hosted a King County assembly about reducing waste and recycling.