

Lesson Overview

Pizmo Saves the Planet

CASEL Standards:

RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING: The abilities to make caring and constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions across diverse situations. This includes the capacities to consider ethical standards and safety concerns, and to evaluate the benefits and consequences of various actions for personal, social, and collective well-being.

Academic Standards:

Common Core English/Language Arts Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.2

Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

Objective:

Use responsible decision-making to make ethical choices for the environment.

Essential Questions:

How can I make good decisions for the environment?

I Can:

I can make good decisions for the environment.



Mindful Teaching Tips

Teachers, have a guest speaker from an environmental group come in and talk with the class. They will often bring pamphlets and handouts that will engage students in learning more about helping the environment. Choose two different groups that are relevant to your community, think land, water, air, plants, animals, and recycling groups.

Also consider doing some fun science experiments to engage kids in reasons why it is important to save the environment. It's a great way to work science into your lesson and have a lot of fun in the process!

Teaching Transcript

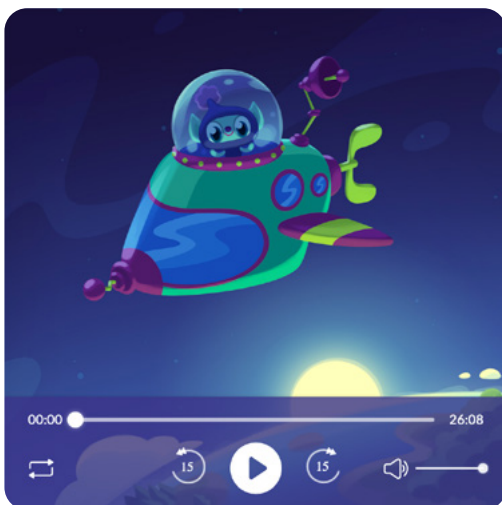
Pizmo the Perky Pixinaut's world is sick and he needs to figure out how to save it, so Pizmo puts on his purple space suit and heads into outer space. He ends up on a planet lush and green only to learn that he went back in time! Then Pizmo ends up in the future where the planet is unhealthy.

Let's brainstorm ways we can help clean up the land, air, and water. As a class, make a list of ways that students can help to clean up the environment.

Pick one as a class to focus on completing in order to help the environment.

When Pizmo was stranded, he remembered he could return home by making a wish using the bobble on his hat.

What one magical wish would you make for the world if you had a squishy bobble?



Home Time Activity

The future planet Pizmo landed on was desolate and bleak. It was full of pollution and decay. One way to stop our planet from getting too polluted is to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Take a trip to a local recycling center to see how our trash is transformed. If there aren't any local field trips possible, go online and watch videos about how plastic, paper, and food each get recycled. The process is fascinating and will help children see what happens when they recycle.

Weekly Theme Card

Just like Pizmo needed to show his leaders proof of the photographs, sometimes we need to have proof to change our habits too. Learn about the water in your community. Conduct research on the quality of water in your county, community, or home. If possible, purchase a reusable water bottle. Then keep track of how many times you fill it up for one week. Then multiply that by 52 to see how many water bottles you could save in a whole year.

