

## **Earth Day iMovie**

- Earth day is a national holiday, that is celebrated worldwide on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The very first earth day was celebrated on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1970. Today were going to learn why we celebrate Earth day and what we can do to help the earth!
- There are now events for this holiday in more than 193 countries.
- The Earth day founder is Gaylord Nelson, at the time a U.S. senator from Wisconsin. After witnessing the massive oil spill in Santa Barbra, California, in 1969, he came up with the idea to have a national day to focus on the environment.
- Because of the 1970 Earth day many people with all kinds of differences, put those aside and all came together to focus on the environment and get things done.
- That year we got the United States Environment Protection Agency and the clean air, clean water, and endangered species act passed.

### **What We Can Do**

- Today the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, here are a few ways we can help.
- Organize a cleanup day at our school. We can pick up trash on campus, rake leaves, and plant some flowers in front of the schools, to make it look nice.
- We can recycle as a class. We can also come up with a school wide recycling competition to get more people involved.
- We can cleanup not only our own school but we can take a trip to clean up the local parks as well as the community.
- Here are some pictures that show what is happening to our beautiful earth and shows you reasons we need to work to help our environment better.

