

Environmental Reading Month: April 1-30, 2018

Volunteer readers visit 2nd grade classrooms throughout the county and read environmentally-themed stories to students!

Basic Volunteer Information

- Volunteer organizations and individuals select an elementary school(s).
- Keep Williamson Beautiful (KWB) contacts the second grade teachers at the selected school(s) with an invitation to participate in Environmental Reading Month.
- Volunteer readers receive a KWB gift tote bag and a book to read. The volunteer bags will have your reading schedule clipped to the bag. The Williamson Recycles library is by appointment only. Please call 615-786-0166 or email jenniferg@williamson-tn.org to set up your book check-out appointment.
- Volunteers are given teacher tote bags, which contain the student activity bags and information to use during the program.

Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled reading to check in and locate the classroom. The activity is for 30 minutes. The program also serves as an introduction to litter prevention.

The following is a basic program that you are free to use or modify to best suit your delivery.

Introduction to class:

KWB mission- **To partner with volunteers to keep our community clean, green and environmentally aware.**

All of us can contribute to protecting the environment by reading books that share a story about gardens, trees, wildlife, littering, recycling, etc. Our story today is about _____.

Class discussion sample:

Discuss the beauty of Williamson County and ask students to raise their hand if they have seen litter: on the side of the road, in a parking lot, or even in someone's yard. Explain that there are litter laws. Many people do not know that it is unlawful to throw a candy wrapper or juice box from a car window. KWB has many volunteers who clean up roads that have become littered.

The Environmental Reading program is for second graders and to portray how children can contribute by learning about litter and protecting the environment. After learning, we get to practice by putting waste in the right place—a recycling bin or trash can. Litter is waste that is out of place.

Show students a sample of the litter kit they will be taking home – a litter bag with an activity booklet inside. There are 25 kits in each teacher's green bag. The green bag is for the teacher.

Hold up the Keep America Beautiful Pledge as you read the pledge to students. Hand the sheet to the teacher for the students to sign when it is convenient. Placing the Pledge on a class bulletin board is a nice reminder to all to keep our community clean and green!

This is the pledge: ***I pledge to help keep highways, waterways and public places clean and litter-free by properly disposing of trash and reminding my family and friends to do the same.***

Happy Reading!