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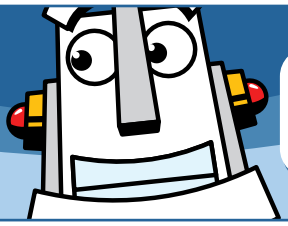

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GET READY TO RECYCLE IN THE NEW YEAR!

December is the last month of the year, which means a new year will be here soon. Now is a good time to be thinking and planning about how you, your family and your friends can be better recyclers!

The commitment to improving in the new year is called a ***New Year's resolution***. Some people set goals to eat more healthy foods, to exercise more, or to be more environmentally responsible. Being environmentally responsible is making decisions that will benefit the world around us. For example, we can choose to turn off lights when we leave rooms, or we can try not to waste as much water when brushing our teeth or taking a shower. Another way we can all try to take better care of the Earth is to recycle as much as possible.

If things that are recyclable aren't recycled, they become trash. If we recycle, then people won't have to spend as much time or energy making new things from scratch!

Sometimes, keeping New Year's resolutions can be a challenge. So, what you can do is set a goal that can be achieved without it seeming impossible. If you wanted your entire school to recycle like you, well, that may be difficult. But, you can promise to do ***your*** best to recycle and show your friends how easy it is and how much it helps the environment. That way, you can achieve your goal and maybe the people around you will decide to do the same. Captain Cullet and the Little Gob o' Glass have made a New Year's resolution to recycle ***every*** glass bottle or jar they use and to encourage their family members, too, to recycle ***their*** glass containers. ***Will you join them and commit to a new year of recycling?***

Make a Recycling Resolution:

Write down a goal to improve your recycling in 2012. Once your plan is in place, you'll be ready to begin on January 1st!

FUNNIES!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Little ol' bottle.
Little ol' bottle, who?
Hey, I didn't know you could yodel!

1 When is a door not a door?

2 What do you call riding your bike a second time?

Answers are at the bottom-left of this page!

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Enjoy our animated adventures, online games and other fun stuff. You'll learn about why recycling glass containers is very important. Ask an adult if it's okay first!

Answers to jokes: 1. When it's a jar (ajar means slightly open). 2. Recycling!

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Craft Time with the Little Gob o' Glass!

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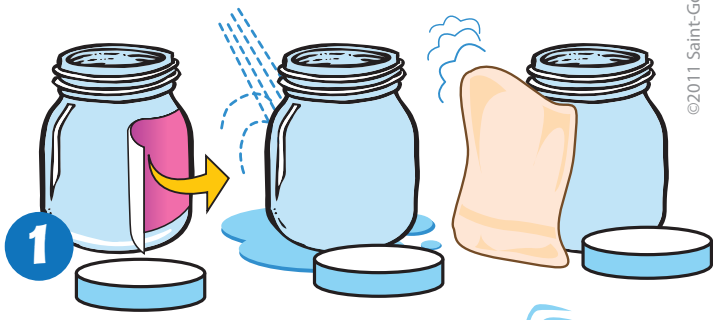
After you recycle glass containers, they are crushed into cullet and melted to make new glass bottles and jars. What's cool about that? The containers don't end up in landfills! Finding ways to reuse your glass bottles and jars is also a good idea, as long as they don't end up in the trash. Here's a fun thing to do with used jars:

SNOW GLOBE JAR

What you'll need:

- An empty glass baby food jar. You can also use something like a smaller salsa jar or short jelly jars. *Note: You'll need the lid too!*
- Small toy, ornament or figurine.
- Silver glitter for "snow."
- Strong glue or hot glue (ask for help from an adult).



How to make the snow globe jar:

1. Peel off the jar labels. Wash and dry the jar very well.
2. Find a small toy or figurine that you'd like to place inside the snow globe jar. You can even use a small, winter-themed ornament. Just be sure it's something that won't get soggy or fall apart in water. Then glue the object to the underside of the lid using a strong glue or a hot glue gun (ask an adult for help with this!).
3. Next, sprinkle a pinch of glitter into the empty jar.
4. Then add water to the top.
5. Once the glue that holds the figurine to the lid has completely dried, place it down into the jar and screw the lid on tightly. A little water may spill out, that's okay.
6. Now you can flip the snow globe jar over shake it and watch the snow fall!

Thoughts: *You can use many different objects inside the jar. Be creative and make a winter scene or make your own figurine out of Sculpey or some other polymer modeling clay. You can also tie a ribbon around the lid for a more festive look.*

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