

Elmwood Elementary Recycling

The 4th Grade science classes have been very busy as caretakers of the Elmwood Elementary School Recycling Program. We started off the school year in August learning about natural resources and the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling materials that might otherwise end up in landfills. As part of the recycling unit we took a field trip to Galva's Eagle Enterprises Recycling facilities. We have also been busy helping the school recycle cardboard, paper, glass, plastic, aluminum cans, and steel cans. During the school year we collected recyclables from throughout the building every other week and kept track of the weight of the recyclables collected.

By taking part in recycling, the Elmwood School District recycled approximately 8.2 TONS of recyclables! In doing this we have saved the following valuable natural resources:

- over 17,500 pounds of wood (about 130 mature trees)

- over 70,000 gallons of water

- over 900 gallons of oil

- over 60,000 kwh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity – This is enough electricity to power the average home for 8 years!

- 22 cubic meters of landfill space

 - (That's about 750 cubic feet of land - Think of filling a ditch that is about 3 feet deep, 3 feet wide, and 90 feet long)