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MEMORANDUM

To: SERT Leaders

From: Hillary Kirchman, SERT Program Manager
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Subject: SERT Activity: "3 Green Things"
Classroom Roles and Responsibilities

The School Energy and Recycling Team (SERT) Program is pleased to distribute a new supporting resource to help promote a culture of conservation in the elementary level classroom called "3 Green Things." This activity defines roles and responsibilities that can be assigned to elementary students involving students in leadership roles in each classroom. This is key as it meets students' needs for power, purpose, and contribution.

Attached you will find a resource sheet with links to supporting resources identifying the green roles. There is also a commitment sheet where three roles can be selected for each classroom, by teachers and/or administrators, and posted in the classroom demonstrating your school's commitment to conservation. "3 Green Things" also supports the conservation components in the new on-line integrated elementary curriculum.

Please feel free to contact SERT@mcpsmd.org if you would like assistance with your SERT program or supporting resources for conservation in the classroom.

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Green Things

Is your school ready to step up and make a difference?

Commit to three classroom actions, assign the roles to students, and help your school become energy-aware and top-notch recyclers. Assigning these roles will help us to save the environment, keep within our budget, and provide leadership opportunities for our students. Help teach students that their actions do make a difference through “123 Green Things.”



Start this year by posting the attached commitment statement in each classroom. Select three roles for your school that will apply to each classroom to save energy and increase recycling rates.



You can start with our list of initiatives or come up with your own ideas. Each one of us can make a difference!

Computer Captain: Assign a student to shut down classroom computers at the end of the school day. Think about the media center and computer labs also.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/computerprinter2010.pdf>

Door Diplomat: Assign a student to make sure classroom doors are closed. This helps maintain proper temperatures and reduce energy use.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/closewindowdoor.pdf>

Fact Finder: Assign a student to announce an energy or recycling fun fact to the class each morning. Awareness helps us to save energy!

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/announcements.pdf>

Light Leader: Assign a student to make sure all lights are turned off when the class exits the room.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/saveenergy.pdf>

Recycling Ranger: Assign a student to monitor the recycling and trash containers to make sure everyone is using each container properly.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/newlunch.pdf>

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/Recyclingitems.pdf>

Window Watcher: Assign a student to close windows and blinds at the end of the day.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/blinds.pdf>

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/pdf/closewindowdoor.pdf>

Your Ideas: Share new strategies with SERT by e-mailing SERT@mcpsmd.org. We enjoy sharing and conserving resources.





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Classroom Commitment Statement

Room # _____ at _____ commits to conserving energy and smart recycling by participating in the “Three Green Things” initiative. We have committed to the following “Green” strategies to save energy and promote recycling:

1.

2.

3.

Signatures:

Administrator: _____

Teacher: _____



For more information and resources visit our website, call, or e-mail SERT@mcpsmd.org
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/greenschoolsfocus/sert.shtm>

