# THE THREE'S



### What exactly is "waste?"

Waste is anything we throw away or get rid of, that doesn't get used

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

You can help by learning about and practicing the three R's of waste management: **Reduce**, **reuse**, **and recycle!** Practicing all three of these activities every day is not only important for a healthy environment, but it can also be fun too.

#### REDUCE

A key part of waste "reduction" is "conservation" – using natural resources wisely and using less than usual in order to avoid waste.

#### REUSE

You can "reuse" materials in their original form instead of throwing them away, or pass those materials on to others who could use them too! Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure!

### RECYCLE

Don't toss everything in the trash. Lots of things (like cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard) can be remade into either the same kind of thing or new products. Making new items from recycled ones also takes less energy and fewer resources than making products from brand new materials.

# SO HOW CAN WE RECYCLE WASTE INTO USEFUL CLASSROOM PROPS?

Here are some ideas ....

#### Theater and puppets







The theater is made from an old cardboard box and the puppets are made from old paper and old clothing fabrics







Baskets and geometric shapes made from old Ice-cream sticks

Geometric shapes made from old plastic straws



## THIS IS HOW WE IMPLEMENT THE "THREE R'S" IN YOUR CLASSROOM

SHARE SOME OF YOUR IDEAS ......