

Raindrops to the Sea

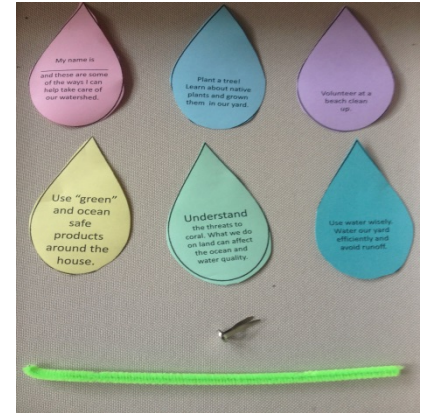
This simple activity was designed to encourage students to think about the water cycle and the land and sea connection. What we do on land can impact what happens in the ocean. Each “rain drop” cut out describes one way we can prevent pollution and what we can do to help keep water clean in our watershed as it flows from the mountain to the sea.

Materials needed:

- Colored paper
- Pipe cleaners (cut in half)
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Brad fastener (optional)

Teachers Instructions:

1. Print raindrop cut out templates on colored paper
2. Have a discussion about the water cycle, what a watershed is and what makes up the watershed that the students live in.
3. Talk about how what we do on land can impact what happens in the ocean and have students brainstorm ideas of what we can do to keep our watershed clean and healthy.
4. Have the students cut out or select 5-6 different “raindrop” cutouts
5. Give each student, one pipe cleaner, and one brad fastener (optional)
6. Hole punch the top of each raindrop cutout
7. Insert brad or pipe cleaner to attach cut outs
8. Open up the cut outs into a flower
9. Decorate with stickers (optional)



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Plant a tree!
Learn about native plants and grown them in our yard.

Work together to reduce pollution, sediment, trash, and invasive species.

Understand the threats to coral. What we do on land can affect the ocean and water quality.

Use water wisely. Water our yard efficiently and avoid runoff.

Learn about rain gardens and how we can make one at home.

Use compost instead of chemical fertilizers and "green" or ocean safe products around the house.

Volunteer at a beach clean up.

My idea is to...

Volunteer at a stream clean up.

My name is _____
and these are some of the ways I can help take care of our watershed.