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Homelearning News for April, 2008

EARTH DAY



Celebrated every April 22nd, Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental worldwide event. If you would like to incorporate Earth Day history, events and activities into your homelearning, be sure to check out these three great sites:

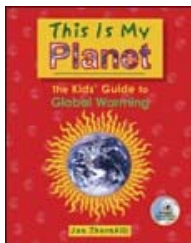
Canada's Earth Day site: <http://www.earthday.ca/pub/index.php> or specifically for kids, the following site contains ecological facts, games, activities and contests -visit: <http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/index.cfm>. Discover how Earth-friendly you are by taking the Ecological Footprint Quiz at: <http://www.earthday.net/footprint/>

As well, SMARTS has a number of excellent resources available that focus on our planet and its ecological well-being.



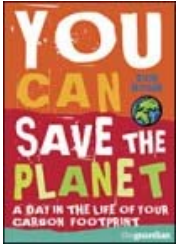
BIOVIVA ECOLOGICAL ADVENTURE GAME

Grades 4 and up. Ecological adventurers thirsting for knowledge about Planet Earth will love this challenging Eco-Trivia game! Get ready to journey through the Earth's amazing biomes--great natural regions defying political boundaries--in an exciting race to collect Eco-Points. Rival players learn extraordinary facts about nature as they test their scientific knowledge, gain ecological wisdom and enjoy lots of laughs with the often humorous answers. More than 800 fascinating questions! \$29.99



THIS IS MY PLANET

Written and illustrated by Jan Thornhill, this intelligent and sensitive text guides readers through a sometimes difficult but highly relevant terrain. While not shying away from the facts, the author offers hope, showing where action can make a difference and evidence of the amazing resilience and adaptability of Earth. \$12.99



YOU CAN SAVE THE PLANET

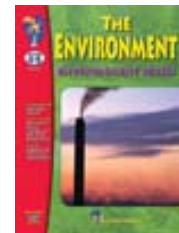
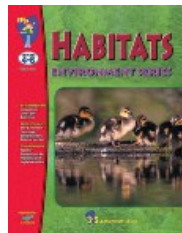
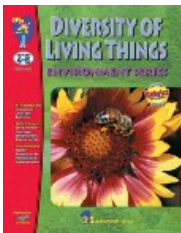
You Can Save the Planet - A Day in the Life of Your Carbon Footprint is a practical guide to saving our planet. This highly informative book will prove to young students that even the smallest changes can make a REAL difference to the future of Earth. \$19.99

GLOBAL WORLD PUZZLE - 600 PIECES

Ages 6 to Adult The first and most effective educational geography puzzle of its kind! The countries, states, provinces are all shaped like individual puzzle pieces. Assembling the puzzle is equivalent to building a miniature model of the world. Challenge yourself to learn the world's geography with this 600 piece puzzle! \$22.99



As well, we have a number of SES Learning workbooks that effectively teach students about the world around them - be sure to check them out on the SMARTS website!



FRASER VALLEY HOME LEARNING EXPO



FRIDAY - MAY 23RD, 2008

Just a reminder that the 2008 Fraser Valley Home Learning Expo will take place at the **Abbey Arts Addition** (next to the Abbey Arts Theatre) 2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford, on **Friday, May 23rd, 2008**. Please note that this is not the long weekend in May. The Expo is admission-free event for families, however prior registration is required. Certain workshops for parents carry a nominal charge of \$5 and pre-registration for those activities is also required. These workshops are starting to fill up fast so it's in your best interest to register early. Expo details and pre-registration can be accessed at the following website : www.fvhomelearningexpo.ca

SMARTS CLEARANCE - 75% OFF !!

As we bring in new stock for Convention season, we've discovered that our shelves are a little crowded. To that end, we've discounted many of our Clearance items to 75% off their original prices! Be sure to check out: <http://www.shopatsmarts.com/store1/clearance.php> as Clearance items are available only while supplies last!



APRIL 2ND - INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY

Since 1967, on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, the 2nd of April, International Children's Book Day is celebrated to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. What better way to celebrate than to take some time on April 2nd to share a book with your child!

ONE SMART COOKIE KID'S CONTEST



Congratulations to Sarah, the winner of last month's One Smart Cookie contest! She correctly identified **Albert Einstein** as the answer to last month's trivia question and won herself a \$10 Gift Certificate to SMARTS!

Here is this month's contest question! Kids, to enter, simply email your answer to enquiries@shopatsmarts.com. Be sure to include your name (first name only please!) & your age, along with your answer and send your entry email by the deadline date. Please check with an adult before entering each monthly contest - thank you! Good Luck Kids! Here's April's One Smart Cookie trivia question:

Earth Day was founded by US Senator Gaylord Nelson and first celebrated in 1970. In what year did Canada join 200 million people in 141 other nations worldwide to celebrate Earth Day? ~ Good Luck !! (Entry deadline: April 30th 1 entry per person please)

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