

Dear Families and Friends,

Our school is participating in the #ToteChallenge for Earth Day this year. We are joining schools across the country who are talking about reducing our country's use of plastics. Your child will be talking with classmates about creative ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle plastics. We encourage you to have that conversation at home too. Together, we can protect our environment.

The #ToteChallenge is a group activity in which students communicate, problem-solve, and design a reusable shopping bag out of an old T-shirt. We'll have contests for the best designs in creativity, utility, and ease of use. Most importantly, students will share their ideas for reducing plastics.

- 50 percent of the plastic we use, we use just once and throw away.
- Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times.

Please send an old T-Shirt to school with your child. DO NOT BUY A NEW SHIRT. There are enough people who have old shirts lying around to make this a recycling event as well!

This project was started by a national nonprofit called *Learning to Give* whose vision is to empower students all over the world with the skills of generosity and participation in community. Their lesson plans are helping us build our community's next leaders. www.learningtogive.org

Thank you for your support of our school, your child, the community, and our environment.

Sincerely,

