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To: Parents & Caretakers of Ecker Hill 6th Graders

From: Recycle Utah Education Team

Hello!

**Sustainability
is everyone's
business**



Recycle Utah recently visited your student's classroom to explore how climate change impacts civilizations and how nations can collaborate to solve global issues. We wanted to share a quick summary of what students learned and offer a few ways to continue the conversation at home.

During the lesson, students explored these big ideas:

- Environmental challenges are interconnected — climate change, energy use, food systems, migration, and economic choices all affect one another
- Actions taken in one place can have global impacts, both positive and negative
- Climate change is a serious challenge, but it is also solvable through cooperation, innovation, and smart decision-making
- Different countries — and different people — have different strengths, resources, and responsibilities

You can keep learning going at home by:

- Talking about how global events (weather, energy prices, food costs) affect daily life
- Asking your child which country they represented and what choices they made
- Discussing how teamwork and compromise are important for solving big problems
- Supporting everyday actions like saving energy, reducing waste, recycling, and being thoughtful consumers

Thank you for supporting environmental education and for encouraging students to think critically about the world they live in. When students see themselves as part of the solution — not just observers of the problem — they build confidence, empathy, and a sense of responsibility that extends far beyond the classroom.

Warmly,

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