

# Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling on Earth Day in Music

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K-5 students in Mrs. Vande Berg’s music room celebrated Earth Day by performing an Earth rap and singing a round about the Earth. Students learned concepts related to rhythm, dynamics, unison and part-singing. Kindergarten students took these concepts to a higher level, making their own instrument to accompany their music out of recycled materials. These students performed rhythms with quarter notes, eighth note pairs, and quarter rests incorporating different dynamic levels learned recently on their recycled instruments. The three R’s (REDUCING, REUSING, and RECYCLING) of recycling were additionally incorporated into the lesson. Mrs. Vande Berg and the students enjoyed making music and taking care of the Earth in a creative and fun way.



Parker Hiemstra strums his recycled guitar to the beat of the "Recycle Rap."



Noah Bohn turned his recycled object into a woodwind instrument as his peers learn about the instrument families of the orchestra.



Robert Owens models the difference between forte and piano sounds with his home-made recycled bongos.



Wrenley Challoner, Wesley Leonard, and Alexander Steiner proudly display their percussion instruments made from recycled materials.



Eleanor Dinse used her recycled maraca instrument to demonstrate rhythms featured in the “Recycle Rap.”



Kindergarten students learned about science and the relation between size and pitch with Matilda Arndt's homemade recycled instrument.



Ezra Vis, Violet Hinz, and Talen Bradley are all smiles exhibiting their maracas made out of recycled plastic bottles while Will Kinyon presents his combination of a wind and stringed instrument.

## Top Ten Graduates of 2021

Submitted by LHS Principal Diane Raue

Laconia High School honored their top ten graduates of the class of 2021.



Students honored included front row: Haley Rens, Nora Alsum, Monica Lalor, Katherine Schommer and back row: Brianna Pflum, Jaden Gosse, Olivia Mahone, Emma Krueger and Jayda Janeczko. Unable to attend: Lauren Reilly.