Environmental Awareness Project
(via Storyjumper)

Working to raise awareness about environmental issues is one way students and teachers can practice critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This project plan will walk you through creating and sharing a student-created book in a collaborative and interactive learning environment.

<u>In order to complete this project, each student will need:</u>

       1) a computer with internet access
       2) a valid email address

Students should:

1. Brainstorm about ways they can help reduce pollution, either in their everyday life, their family, or their school.

2. Write a creative story or poem illustrating their main ideas.

3. Divide the story up into small sections so that one picture can represent each page.

4. Go to http://storyjumper.com and create a free account. They will need to supply a valid email address to activate the account.

5. Log in and go to the tab that says "Create from Scratch".

6. Use the wide selection of images and backgrounds to create pictures to accompany each separate page.

7. Upload and add original pictures to add a personal touch to their project.

8. Click on the Save tab and then Exit.

9. Publish and share with the other students in the class or from the partner school.

10. Print paper versions of the books, or save as PDFs to display digitally.

Notes

- Students may need extra time to fiddle with the controls in the storyboard editor.
- Students can make them public (anyone can view) or private to share with only the classes involved.
- Students can vote on the best one and design a plan to follow some of the pollution-reducing advice.
- Students can write about and present the interesting information they learned from the process of working with other students.
- An example about excess waste is available at http://www.storyjumper.com/book/index/7823752/A-Poem-to-Save-the-Planet