April is packed with wonderful opportunities for doing good deeds including Earth Day and National Volunteer Week. Check out this list below, and try to complete at least one of on Good Deed Day, April 7th!

**GRADES K–6**

1. Make planters out of plastic bottles and use them to plant pollinator-friendly flowers and put them outside your home (Here are directions for making recycled bottle planters.) You can also find out what plants to grow that will benefit pollinators living near you using these resources.
2. Ask someone you normally do not play with to be on your team during the games you play at recess or physical education class.
3. On Earth Day, April 22, pick up at least 5 pieces of trash outside your school when you’re at recess to help keep the earth litter-free. Get your classmates to join you and see who can clean up the most!
4. Ask your parents to walk, bike or take public transit when running errands on the weekend to reduce your carbon footprint.
5. Bring a reusable water bottle to school every day instead of drinking from plastic bottles meant to be thrown away after one use.

**GRADES 7-12+**

1. National Volunteer Week is April 7-13th, so grab some friends or family members and volunteer in a community garden or join a cleanup effort near you.
2. With parent or guardian permission, be in charge of composting food scraps and organic materials at your home by taking your compost to a community garden or starting your own compost bin. Here’s an easy guide for learning to compost.
3. As a class, run a collection drive for recyclable materials like glass bottles and cans. If you live in a state where bottles and cans can be returned for money (see these here), send all that you gather to a collection center near you. Donate that money to a nonprofit of your choosing.
4. Cook a vegetarian meal for your family for Meatless Monday to reduce your carbon footprint. If you are already a vegetarian eater, cook a meatless meal for a friend who is not. Here are a few recipe ideas!
5. Talk to your parents to see if your family could change all of the lightbulbs in your house to energy efficient ones to save energy and cut down on the electric bill.

**Teachers/Parents:**

Thanks for continuing to teach children about the importance of doing good deeds. Drop us an email if you have any questions at info@911day.org.

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