



Day 26- Eco Hero

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Reflection

Over the past month, we have learned about so many issues regarding the environment, even ones that we never knew had anything to do with sustainability. We remember the water challenge the most vividly and are most passionate about it because it's something we're already doing in the community and something that is very interesting to us. We want to make our city, Alexandria, VA, straw-free. To do this, we've been going to restaurants in different neighborhoods and asking to sign a pledge form to not offer straws, or only upon request. If they do this, they get a straw-free Alexandria decal for their window. This not only cuts back on unnecessary single use plastic waste, but also saves many marine organisms, including the many species of endangered sea turtles.



What will we do?

We will continue to strive for a straw-free city and hold city wide river clean ups where we will tell citizens about the dangers of single use plastic to our environment and to ourselves. We hope to gain some more following by doing this and spread the word about how awful single use plastic is.



Quotes

One quote that represents us as eco- heroes is:



“The Earth does not belong to us: we belong to the Earth”- Marlee Matlin

This represents us as eco- heroes because it shows the extremity of Mother Nature’s capabilities and enforces the mindset that the Earth doesn’t need humans, but we definitely need the Earth; and that is why we want to stand up. We will stand up for our environment, for ourselves, and for the underdeveloped countries that get the worst of the effects of a changing climate.

Our Vision

We have dedicated ourselves to stop drinking from plastic straws and through this, we decided that our eco-hero vision is the everyday person. Instead of using plastic straws we have developed a new lifestyle choice in avoiding the use of plastic straws and opted for the use of reusable straws! Here is a picture of me (Nawal) showing myself as an eco-hero!

