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Did you know 16,306 different species of animals that are endangered due to the unclean environment? How did this happen? People don't take care of the earth, so animals are suffering for it. More than 80% of land animals live in forests. The same forests that are being burned down for human use. This is a big issue, and we need to start making a change. The steps that I can take to promote environmental sustainability are taking care of our land, in our home, in the classroom, and in our daily lives.

At home, there are many steps you can take to help in preserving the earth. When using plastic bottles, you can recycle them into something new or you can consider using metal bottles, which last a lot longer. Kids can also help in saving the planet by donating old toys, instead of throwing them out. Donating is not only good for the planet, but it helps others in need, it's a win-win! When you get junk mail you can repurpose it, instead of just throwing it in the trash, like making arts and crafts with it. There are many things you can recycle like plastic straws, clothing, metals and even your food waste which can be used to make soil.

In the classroom we have a bird feeder so that the birds have something to eat in the winter. We also have a bird bath for the birds. We have our bird feeder and our bird bath outside where we eat snacks, so if someone eats a snack without cleaning up after themselves, an animal could eat a plastic piece by mistake and get really hurt or even die. So, it's important to clean up after yourself. We can help these animals by doing our part.

In our daily lives we can do a lot to help the environment like planting a garden or planting a tree. Trees get rid of carbon dioxide and give us oxygen. Planting a garden helps improve air and soil quality. When you plant a community garden, you are not only helping the people around you, but the animals as well! When we keep a garden in our community, we are also helping the environment and keeping it clean!

We can all make a difference in helping land animals by doing our part. We can try to remember the 3 Rs reduce, reuse, and recycle. These simple steps can help our planet be a greener place. These 3 R's can be used at home, in the classroom, and in our daily lives, so don't forget them! It is very important to do our part as the animals cannot speak, so we need to be their translator. Like The Lorax would say "I speak for the trees" but in this case I speak for the animals.

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