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ACPS Middle School After School Field Trip

In the fall of 2023, Allegany County Public School middle school students in the After School Program visited Evergreen for a field trip focused on habitats. Students learned about the five components of a habitat—food, water, air, shelter, and space. Then, they hiked the Evergreen Coal Trail. After the hike, students gathered in the Sawmill Pavilion to create their own mini habitats, or terrariums, for moss and plants. Students followed step by step instructions to create their habitats, then they were able to take them home!



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Spring After School 2024

In Spring of 2024, Evergreen visited Allegany County Public Schools Middle Schools in the After School Program to learn how water travels from reservoirs to their schools and houses, different ways people get their drinking water, and how access to clean water differs around the country. To do this, students played a relay game carrying water from different sources back to the houses. Each team was given different scenario for where their water came from.

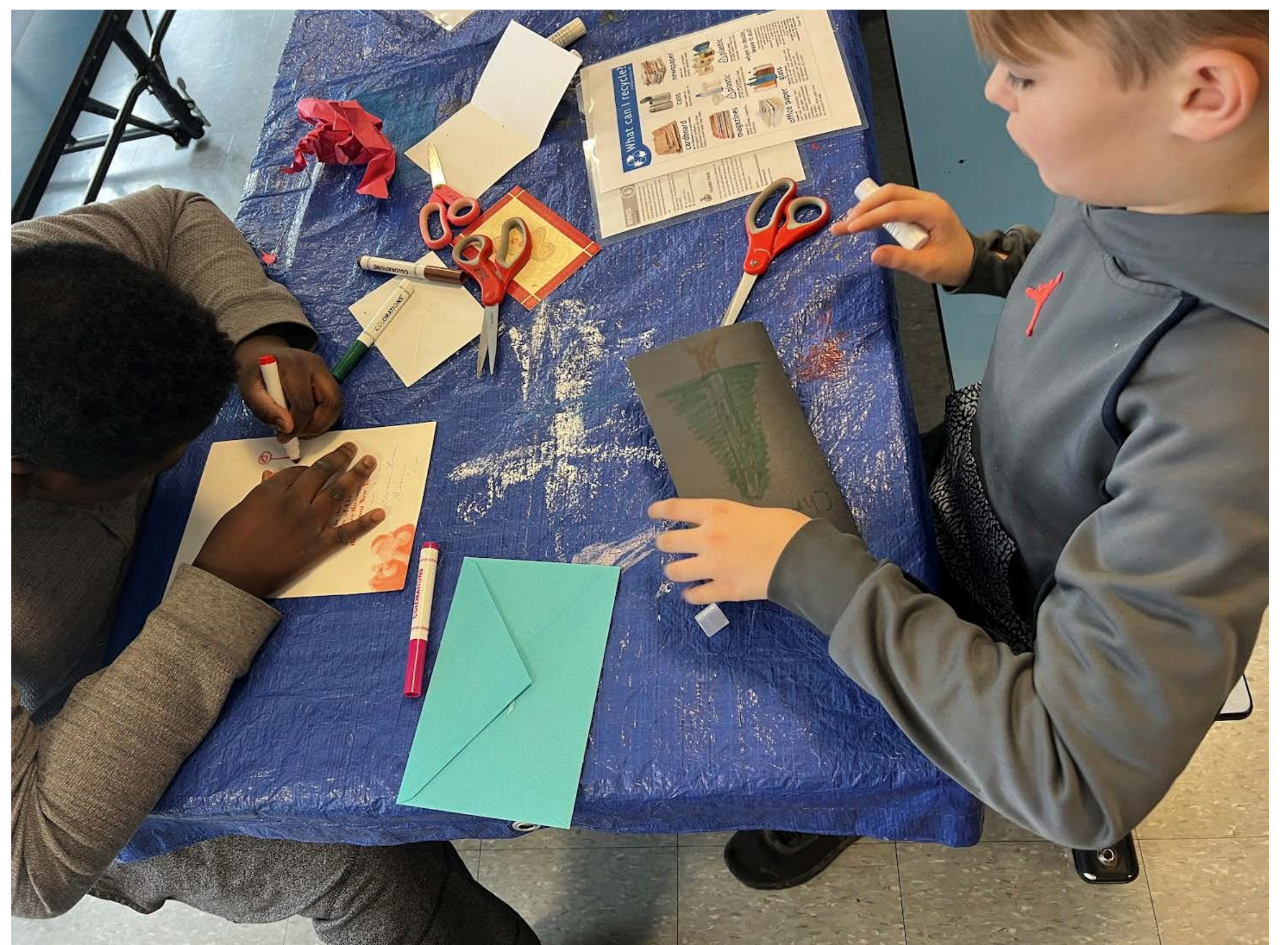


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ACPS Middle School After School: Winter I

Recycling/Upcycling

In the winter of 2023, EHC staff and AmeriCorps members visited Middle School students in the After School Program to learn about recycling in Allegany County and ways we can reduce our waste. Students learned what items can be recycled, such as plastics, glass, and paper. Then, students completed an upcycling activity to make holiday cards and envelopes out of materials that otherwise would have been trash. The cards will be delivered to residents in a local nursing home, so teachers could give students service learning hours for participating.



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Middle School After School Winter 2: Pollinators

In February of 2024, EHC staff and AmeriCorps members visited ACPS middle schools in the After School program to teach students about the importance of pollinators. Students played a matching game to learn which pollinators typically pollinate each of a variety of different plants. Then, they got to plant their own black-eyed susan seeds to take home and care for. Students also received a care sheet with information about when to transplant their seedlings and how to care for them.



black eyed susan care

planting:

Because these seeds are small, be sure to not to plant to deep in the soil. Scattering them across the pot and lightly covering with soil will do. Seeds should sprout within 7-14 days.

indoor care:

Water thoroughly, so soil is moist throughout. The clear lid will help keep moisture in your pot. Because of this, you may only need to water once a week. Place in a location with sunlight all day or part of the day. As plants grow, lids will need removed.

transplanting:

Transplant outdoors after the last frost (early May). Choose a location with full to partial sun. Water 1-2x per week for the first two weeks.

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