This Is Recycled Water
Lesson Plans for Grades 3 & up

Materials:
- Print one copy of the vocabulary cards.
- Make copies (one for each participant) of script, Recycled Water Quiz and the song sheet.
- Books including:
  - Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema (ISBN: 0-14-054616-2)
  - Pond Circle by Betsy Franco (ISBN: 978-1-4169-4021-0)
  - The Rainforest Grew All Around by Susan K. Mitchell (ISBN: 978-0-9777423-8-7)
  - This is the Teacher by Rhonda Gowler Greene (ISBN: 0-14-240653-8)
  - This is the Rain by Lola M. Schaefer (ISBN: 0-688-17039-0)

Activity
1. Show the book and review the story **The House That Jack Built**.
   Ask the children:
   a. **“What was the story about?”** (This is a cumulative tale that doesn’t tell the story of Jack, who builds a house, but instead shows how the house is indirectly linked to numerous things and people.)
   b. **“What was the message of the book?”** (Nothing stands alone; everything is related to something else.)

2. **Introduce other variations** of the story including Jack’s House and This is the Rain, etc.
   Give a quick overview of the stories and **tell the children you have another variation, “This Is Recycled Water.”**

3. **Introduce vocabulary words**...show pictures or place them on the blackboard...and explain each term. See p. 23 the picture glossary at the back of the book.

4. **Distribute the single sheet version** of the story to students. Assign numbers one through ten to all the students. Ask the students with the same number to sit together. Tell the students to stand up when it is their turn to read. Read the story.

5. Invite students to do the “Recycled Water Finger Play” on page 22 of the book.

6. **Distribute the “Recycled Water” song sheet and sing the song** using the tune, “Itsy, Bitsy Spider.”

7. **Distribute the “Recycled Water Quiz”** and read each numbered item. Ask students to fill in the correct response. Students can also work on the word search on the back.

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