

Cool Tool

Eagle Expectation: Act Responsibly

Name of the Setting/ Skill: Bathroom – Wash hands with one pump/two towels

SEL Standard: 3A.1b. Identify social norms and safety consideration that guide behavior

Purpose of the Lesson:

1. To help prevent the needless waste of bathroom supplies
2. To remind students to always wash their hands after using the restroom

Teaching Examples:

1. There are three people in the restroom. You all take four or five paper towels to dry your hands. You see how many paper towels are thrown away and realize that this is a waste of natural resources. So, you say to your classmates, *“Do you realize we are wasting natural resources by using this many towels? From now on we should only use what we need.”*
2. You are in the restroom washing your hands. You start to take three or four pumps of soap from the dispenser. Then you think about how much soap would be used during the say if everybody took that much soap. *So, you tell yourself that next time you only need one pump of soap because it is a waste of money to use more than that.*

Kids Activities/Role Play:

1. Teach students how to wash their hands using one pump of soap and two towels.
2. Discuss with students why it is important to use one or two paper towels. *(The more towels used the more money is spent on towels, paper comes from trees, and more garbage.)*
3. Have one student role-play as a custodian and have him/her empty the trash can a couple times a day because it is full of paper towels.

Follow-up Reinforcement Activities:

1. Compliment students who follow the one pump/two towel rule.
2. Remind students when using the restroom to only use one pump of soap and two towels.