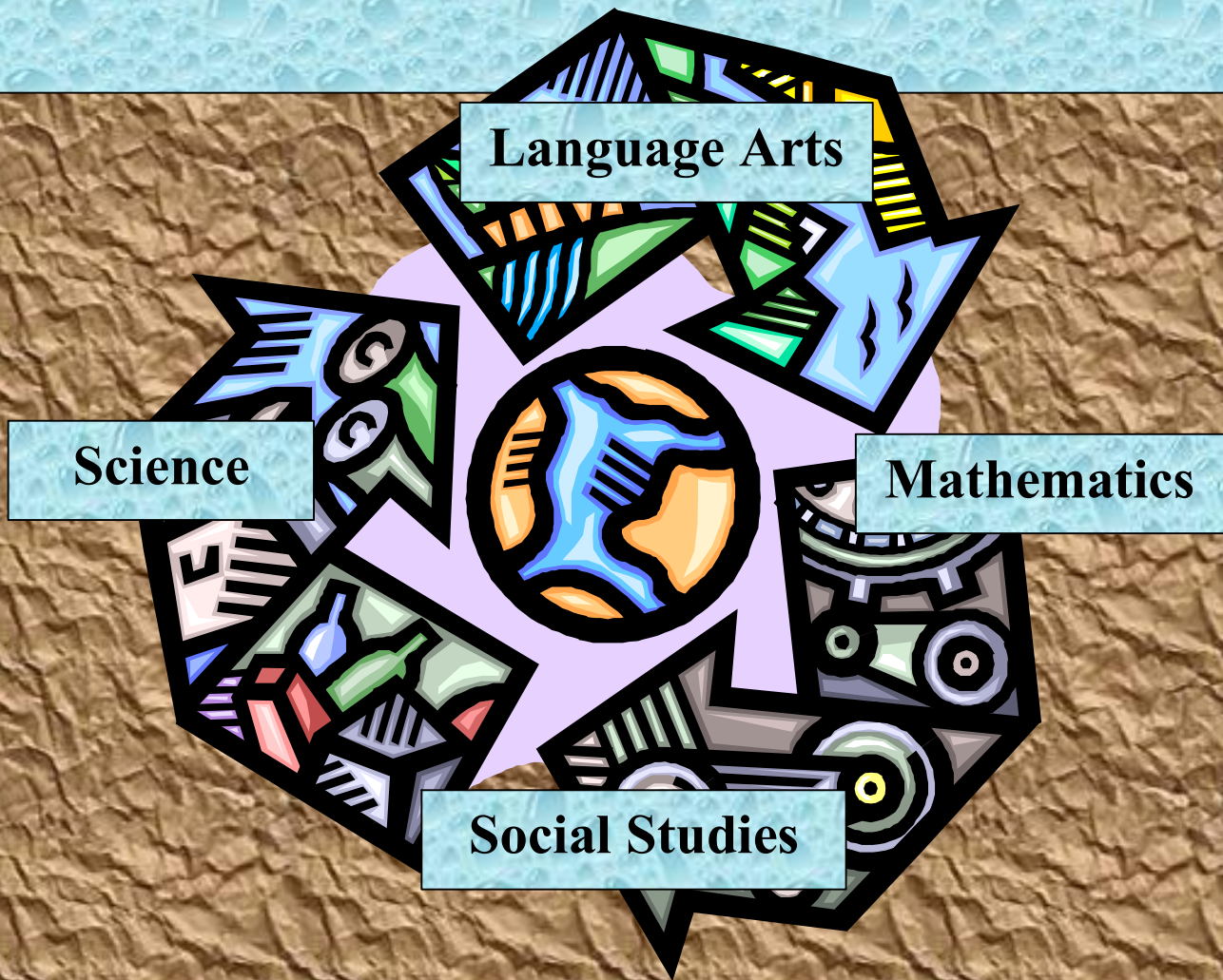


Garbology

A Thematic Unit about Trash

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Science Activities
Lesson 19
A Recycling Center

Objective:

Students will set up a recycling center at their school.

Materials:

- 1) Paper to make posters
- 2) A storage place for papers and/or aluminum.
- 3) A company or individual to collect the papers and/or aluminum. (Many large cities have companies that will set up large dumpsters for paper).

Opener:

Ask the students how many pounds of paper do they think the school throws away each day. The class might want to save all of their paper for a week and weigh it. This number can be multiplied by the number of rooms in the school.

Activity:

Explain to the students that they can start their own recycling center at the school.

- a) They will want to decide what they should recycle and where they should store the material.
- b) They will need to find volunteers to pick up the recyclable material at the school and take it to the recycling center.
- c) The students can make advertisements to the school in the form of posters, commercials or assemblies.

Closure:

Each class can keep track of how many pounds of recyclable material they recycle each month. This information can be kept on a line graph.

