

Hey FSE. . .



Bring

Your

Own

Bag

Why it's important

Over 500 billion plastic bags are consumed throughout the world each year. An estimated 8 billion pounds of plastic bags, wraps and sacks enter the waste stream every year in the U.S. alone.

The production of plastic bags requires petroleum. Approximately 12 million barrels of oil is required to support the annual consumption of plastic bags in the U.S. When tossed, plastic bags contaminate soil and waterways, and are among the most common debris found in coastal cleanups. Animals and sea creatures are hurt and killed every day by discarded plastic bags because they mistake plastic bags for food. Plastic clogs their intestines and leads to slow starvation. Others become entangled in plastic bags and drown. Because plastic bags take hundreds of years to break down, every year our land and seas become 'home' to more and more bags that find their way there through our sewers and waterways. Every bag that's washed down a drain, that's flushed down a toilet, or that's blown into a river will end up in the sea.

The Numbers

Up to 1000 - Estimated years for a plastic bag to decompose

1460 - Plastic bags used in a year by an average family of four in the U.S.

12 million - Barrels of oil used to make the plastic bags that the U.S. consumes annually

Less than 1% - Percentage of all plastic bags that get recycled in the U.S.

88.5 billion - Plastic bags consumed in the U.S. last year

500 billion - Estimated plastic bags sold worldwide each year



Support Franklin Sherman

Celebrate Earth Day

Help Keep our Planet Clean

Purchase a Reusable Grocery Shopping Tote

For a limited time, purchase a FSE tote bag through our PTA. These sturdy bags will hold more than a traditional plastic or paper bag and can be used again and again. They are labeled with our very own FSE Panda mascot.

Return the form below, attached with a check made out to FSES PTA.

Bags will be sent home with your child through Wed. folder.

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Indicate the number of packs or individual bags you would like:

_____ Packs of 6, \$12.00 per pack OR _____ \$2.50 each