

“2013-2014 BEST COMPOSTER AWARD”



Deb Fitzroy began composting in the first grade classroom years ago. The students would put their organic scraps in the worm bin for the red wigglers that lived in there. This year, she and her first grade students taught the rest of the school about composting. They provided buckets for every classroom, so that they students could deposit their organic waste from snacks. They also introduced the students and kitchen staff to a system for composting lunch scraps. The students explained what to save and what to discard from their leftover lunches.

They helped during the first few lunches and then made signs and labels so that the other students were guided on the disposal. The class with the help of a parent constructed a composting tumbler bin, into which they deposited the food scraps. They collaborated with a worm expert so that they could raise the best worms to make the best compost. These first graders and their teacher, Deb, are true worm and composting experts. They collect the food scraps from all the rooms on a daily basis. They weigh the scraps and report to the school via a displayed graph. They will use the compost in our school vegetable garden. The students are happy to be helping the earth. The worms are happy to live in such a compatible environment. The plants will be happy to be growing in such rich, healthy soil. The custodian is happy not to have such a heavy load of waste to carry out to the garbage bin!

Due to distance and demands of the closing school year Berkshire Trail Elementary were not able to attend the conference.

We are pleased to be awarding Berkshire Trail Elementary with the “2013-2014 Best Composter” Award.