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CUE KIDS CARE!

If a group of students collect 500 pounds of recycling each week, how much would they collect over the course of a year? That is more than just a math question at Charlotte Upper Elementary. That is a reality and a task that students in Ms. Davis and Ms. Tomlinson's 5th grade class carry out each week. Every Friday, students from both of the classrooms give up their lunch recess to collect recycling from over 25 classrooms and offices.

"I'm constantly reminded of the thoughtfulness of our students," Ms. Tomlinson states. "Each week, I have more students than I can use, asking if they can give up their free time to help with this cause." As a result, students use a rotation schedule so that more students are able to participate in the recycling program.

The great thing about the recycling program is that it gives students a sense of responsibility. It also gives students the chance to help others, and to help the school promote the importance of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle."

Earth Day is another event 5th grade students will be supporting. This shows recycling is an effort the Charlotte Upper Elementary is serious about. Some of the students who help with the program even go home and tell their parents about recycling. It helps get families involved in recycling at home.

The importance of recycling cannot be shared enough. Students at the CUE are working together and their efforts are producing great results. So, if students DO collect 500 pounds, and there are about 30 weeks of school a year, they are collecting about 15,000 pounds of paper a year! Great job CUE Recycling Crew!

