Recycled Planters

Spring is a great time to think about planting and growing things. We can use recycled materials in our gardens to make something even better for the environment. We will explore two different ways to make planters for our seedlings.

**Pot #1**

**Materials**
- soil
- toilet paper or paper towel roll
- scissors
- cup (for scooping soil)
- seeds (not pictured)

*Step 1:* Cut four slits into one end of the roll. The cuts should be no longer than 1 inch.

*Step 2:* Fold the 4 sides over to cover the bottom.

*Step 3:* Fill the tub with soil and place your seed!

If you don't have a toilet paper roll you can use a paper towel roll. Cut the roll into thirds before you begin.
Pot #2

Materials
- soil
- Newspaper
- scissors
- small cup to form pot around
- cup (for scooping soil)
- seeds (not pictured)

Step 1: Cut a strip of newspaper about 4 inches wide.
Step 2: Line the cut newspaper up with the glass leaving about an inch of space at the bottom.
Step 3: Tightly roll the newspaper around the glass.
Step 4: Fold over the extra inch of newspaper to make the bottom of the pot.
Step 5: Squish the bottom onto a hard surface to hold the folds in place.
Step 6: Fill the pot with soil and place your seed.

HELPFUL TIPS:
- Both of these planters can be planted right in the ground or in a bigger pot.
- Don’t forget your plants need sun, soil, water, air, time, and love to grow!