



# Suggested Timeline for Project Zero Waste

Prior to the first Traveling Scientist visit, you should receive a phone call or email from your Zero Waste Mentor, and set up a staff meeting to plan some details of the project.

## First Visit

- o Introduction to natural resources and the journey of our trash
- o Discuss 5 R's
- o Why waste reduction is important
- o Brainstorm ideas for your waste reduction project

\*You will also be receiving your reference notebook and supplies for the project.

## First Week

- Within the first week, meet with the other Waste Reduction Coordinators to decide on project specifics.
- Decide on student roles
- Weigh your school's trash!
- Decide on project start date or 'kick-off' announcement of the project, make signs, place collection bins in appropriate locations
- Begin the project
- Begin filling out Waste Audits once a week. Be sure to have the students reflect and record any progress being made.

## Second Visit

- o Share what is working and any challenges with your Zero Waste Mentor.
- o Learn more about our natural resources
- o Work on the project with your Zero Waste Mentor

## After Second Visit

- Send in Waste Audits to Inside the Outdoors before: **February 1**
- Continue to monitor and record Waste Audits until the end of the school year
- Plan ways to improve the project for next year!

\*This is just one suggested timeline, to help keep you on track. Your project should be done at your own pace and modified so that it fits the needs of your class and school.