

Preschoolers save the beach

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Brighton Preschool adopted Linda Mar Beach and participated in a beach clean-up through the Pacifica Beach Coalition. The children were very excited to help and use their red cat litter scoopers. The beach, ocean and aquariums are such integral parts of life in Pacifica, which has helped foster a deep love of the beach, ocean, and sea creatures in Brighton preschoolers. The children are taught not to litter at Brighton, and are able to verbalize the impacts of garbage ending up in the ocean. "If fish eat plastic they get sick in their tummies."

At preschool on Monday, they were asked about the beach clean-up and the items they found. They reported finding fire works, a flip flop, a sock, a sketch book, bottle caps, a beach towel, glass that hurts your feet, fish wire that traps animals, tin foil, "styrophone," and "the bad things that put smoke in your body."

Many preschoolers reported on how happy they made people. "A lady in a dress hollered thank you," reported one 4 year old boy. Surfers said thank you as they dashed into the water, and walkers said thank you as they enjoyed the beach and beautiful weather. The preschoolers were able to see how their actions could make a difference, and that they had the ability to help and make positive changes. Maybe the preschoolers will be the first generation to save the world!