

## Kipps Kids are Recycling Roos!!

Did you know that paper is the number one material that we throw away? So, what are we doing at Kipps to help? **BECOMING RECYCLING ROOS!!!**

Kipps Elementary has started a school-wide mixed paper recycling initiative. In September, 2008, recycle bins were distributed to each classroom, as well as a few stationed around the building. These bins will be used for collecting mixed paper. All paper that can be torn can be mixed and recycled in the same bin! Recycling is a SOL that begins in Kindergarten. Not only is this hands-on teaching good for the kids, it is good for the environment and a great lesson for them to learn and take home. The initial response was fantastic! In just one week, the custodial staff has noticed a decrease in the amount of trash produced in the school. Today, the school recycles over 100 pounds of paper and corrugated cardboard each week!

We have worked with the Town of Blacksburg to tailor this program to our school. They will help to provide continual education programs and to assist with removal. In addition to paper, a commingled recyclable container is available in the teacher's lounge and the main office, and spent alkaline batteries are being collected in the office. Corrugated cardboard is also collected with mixed paper. Please flatten boxes and store under recycle bins until pick-up days.

