

Idbids - Iddy Bidy Steps for a Greener World® Kindergarten Classroom Kit

Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the kit?

Each kit sells for \$295. and has enough supplies for 25 students. If your classroom has more than 25 students, simply call our toll-free number 1-877-4idbids (1-877-443-2437) and leave a message. An education specialist will follow up with you within 24 hours to confirm details on the additional items you need.

Are there discounts for multiple sets?

Discounts may be available at certain quantities. Please ask your Idbids education specialist when you place your order.

Since this is a six-unit curriculum - does that mean it is a six-week unit? Or, is it meant to be a full year unit spread out among other units?

The initial Idbids classroom kit is designed to provide flexibility for teachers. Teachers can implement the program over a six-week period or they may include lesson plans as they see fit to work with other classroom activities and spread the curriculum over a longer period of time.

Do we have to buy another kit after the 6 weeks?

The program can be added to throughout the year. With the subscription that is included with the original kit, teachers can log on to the Keen on Being Green teacher resource section of our website to order additional lesson plans. These lesson plans will be updated with each school year and are available for purchase online. Teachers will also find free resources and activities to supplement the initial classroom kit as well as ideas for extending the original lesson plans.

How much are the replacement lesson plans?

Using your subscription, log on to the Keen on Being Green teacher resource section to view our products and pricing.

Will there be kits for the other grades?

Yes. We are scheduled to launch 1st grade and 2nd grade programs. Launch dates will be announced when available. Watch the teacher resource section of our website for updates as well.

How did this program get started? Tell me more about the Idbids characters?

The characters were created by Debbie Smith to teach young children how to take better care of our Earth. An experienced designer, she knew if she could share messages through these iconic, friendly characters, that she could make a difference in the way children view our world and our natural resources. After a successful educational product was launched for use at home, teachers began requesting materials for their classrooms. After researching curriculum programs and sourcing a top-rated curriculum writer, the Idbids Iddy Bidy Steps for a Greener World classroom kit was developed.

Who will make sure the teachers are using the kit correctly? Is training available?

Included with every kit is a "Classroom Field Guide." This guide explains the kit contents, standards alignments and contains helpful information so that a teacher can quickly implement the program.

You say there is a Family component. Is there homework?

We understand how busy families are today. The home component of our kit consists of a "Student Field Guide" that students may complete at home with their families. The field guide is made up of fun iddy bidy steps a child can do such as remembering to turn off the water while he brushes his teeth. Once the Field Guide is complete, a student with an adult can log on to www.idbids.com and print a personalized certificate of completion. If you have students who do not have computers at home, you may access blank certificates found on the Resource CD included with this kit. In addition, with each Lesson Plan there are other optional activities. These activities are also on the Resource CD included with your kit. You may chose to print these out after each Lesson Plan and send home with your students to complete with their families.

Is this kit just for science?

Our curriculum (lesson plans and student activity sheets), while very appropriate for Science is tightly aligned with Georgia standards for English Language Arts, Math, Science and GKIDS.

Why would we buy this just for our Kindergartens?

Kindergarten is often a child's first experience with school. Good practices are easiest to learn at an early age. This kit uniquely engages a child to begin learning good sustainability habits at the same age he is learning other basic concepts such as letters, colors and working with others. Studies have shown that children whose families are engaged in their education are more successful throughout their education career. This kit helps to build the stepping stones for parental involvement starting when their child first enters kindergarten.

How much time will this take every day?

Each lesson plan is designed to be between 30 to 45 minutes. Our recommendation is to complete one lesson plan per week, but they are designed to be flexible and can be easily worked into a teacher's busy schedule. The lesson plans are designed to be fun for the students and easy for the teachers.

How was the kit produced, is it produced in an "earth-friendly" way?

Yes. At Idbids, we strive to source and manufacture all of our products in way that is considerate of our environment. From 100% organic cotton and eco-friendly dyes to recycled materials and post consumer papers with earth-friendly inks, we consider each component and how we can keep our impact on the Earth to a minimum.