Handout: Recycling is a Trip!

Name: ___________________________ Date: _____________ Period: ______

Watch

As you watch the video, see if you can answer the following questions.

What color is Dave the Recycling Fairy’s shirt? ________

Marin Sanitary Service collects ________________ tons of recyclable material every year.

How many waste haulers are in Marin County? ________

How many times can paper or cardboard be recycled into new paper or cardboard? ______

How many times can aluminum be recycled? ______

True or false: Glass can only be recycled 3 times. _______

What is Dave the Recycling Fairy’s watch made out of? ________

Reflect

On a separate sheet of paper or in a small group discussion, respond to the following questions:

● What happens when a recyclable bottle goes to the landfill?
● In the video, we see people sorting garbage out from the recycling. Why is it important to sort your waste at home first?

Discuss

At the beginning of the video, the student throws a recyclable plastic water bottle into the garbage. In our own homes, schools, and communities, what do you think are some of the reasons that people put waste in the wrong container? Think of two or three reasons. Then, for each reason, think of a solution that would help make sure people are sorting their waste properly!
Recycling Trip Boogie

At the end of the video, the student recycles the water bottle properly. Then, the student and Recycling Fairy Dave do a celebration dance. With a partner or by yourself, make up a 5-10 second dance to celebrate sorting the trash!

Be a Recycling Fairy!

Did you know that recycling has changed a lot since today’s adults were kids? That means that kids often know more about recycling than the adults that they live with! Think about something you learned from this video, like a fact you found interesting, or a question you’d like to learn more about. Then, share it with a parent, grandparent, or other grown-up in your life! Just...don’t jump out of the garbage can, okay?!

Write the name of the grown-up you plan to share with here:

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