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**KAUNAS DAY NURSERY-KINDERGARTEN “SMALSUTIS”**

**INTERNATIONAL PRE-SCHOOL AND PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS CREATIVE AND SCIENTIFIC STEAM PROJECT “THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN’S HANDS”**

**REGULATIONS OF THE PROJECT**

1. **RELEVANCE OF THE PROJECT**

Here is your home... The planet... The Earth... Different people live on the Earth. All of us can save and cherish it. In what ways can we protect and defend the Earth?

It is very essential to talk about environmental protection. It is very important to save clean air, water and nature. Our small and insignificant tasks like saving paper and electricity, airtightness of the door and windows, even putting faucets in order, help to save wood resources, electricity, heating and water. All this require much energy and this energy is made by using the resources of our Earth, which are in depletion process. We would like to invite all of you to accept the challenge and for one day to play and explore during the STEAM activities and create a gift for the Earth.

The international creative and natural science project “THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN‘S HANDS” aims to develop knowledge and gain practical skills in recycling and ecology for the pre-schoolers and pre-primary schoolers. Children will practice the recycling and will create the toys from secondary raw materials. This is a great empirical STEAM activity, encompassing all educational competences, engaging the freedom of creativity and reminding us that an old thing can be brought to life again.

1. **GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE PROJECT**
2. The international pre-school and pre-primary school institutional project “THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN‘S HANDS” aims to define the problems, organizators, participants and the order of its fulfillment.
3. The project is organised by Kaunas day nursery-kindergarten “Smalsutis”, Taikos avenue 72, LT-51298 Kaunas, Lithuania, tel. +370 37 454620, e-mail: [smalsutis2@gmail.com](mailto:smalsutis2@gmail.com).
4. The organisators of the project are Brigita Kabišienė, pre-primay educator (teacher-methodologist), Vilma Paulauskienė, pre-school educator (teacher-methodologist), Egle Nekrošiūtė pre-school educator.

Project coordinator is the principle of Kaunas day nursery-kindergarten “Smalsutis”, Monika Antanaitienė.

1. The project regulations are proclaimed in Kaunas day nursery-kindergarten ‚Smalsutis‘ website [www.smalsutiskaunas.lt](http://www.smalsutiskaunas.lt). Also you can find them in Facebook group AUKLĖTOJA AUKLĖTOJAI (Educator to Educator), there you can find ideas, handcrafts and plans for the activities, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/976828812401540> and in other platforms on the internet as well.
2. **PROJECT GOAL AND PROBLEMS**
3. Project goal is to prompt the communication and collaboration between Lithuanian and educational institutions in foreign countries, aiming to develop children‘s knowledge about ecological problems and the ways how to solve them.
4. Project problems:
   1. Educators will form the positive attitude towards nature, they will search for the information on the internet and in other informational resourses about the ways how to reuse the waste.
   2. Teachers will organise playful, creative, empirical and motivating STEAM activities.
   3. Educators will expand the ideas of stability, also they will search for the original ways of problem solving. Moreover, they will develop the forms of artistic expressions and technologies. Some items will be creatively made and secondary raw materials will be reused and brought to new life.
   4. The newly created toys will help to develop children‘s language speaking skills, creativity, aesthetic perception and communication skills.
   5. Family members also will be included into the general empirical STEAM activities when making creative items/toys from secondary raw materials as well as helping their children to prepare for exhibitions.
5. **PROJECT PARTICIPANTS**
6. Lithuanian children and children from foreign pre-schools and pre-primary schools are invited to take part in this project together with their teachers, parents and educational specialists.
7. There are no restrictions about the number of participants from one organisation.
8. **PROJECT ORGANISATION, ORDER AND DURATION**
9. The project will be organised from April 17, 2023 till May 12, 2023.
10. All the participants are invited to join the private Facebook group ‚THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN‘S HANDS‘ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/543369741273263>.
11. All the creative work and photos of the virtual project will be shared in the private Facebook group “THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN'S HANDS” till May 12, 2023. All the work should follow the requirements of the project.
12. The shared photos should contain country, town/city, the name of the institution, the name, surname and the age of the participant, the name of the group child attends, the name, surname of the educator and the title of the work/item. Children faces should be hidden in the photos as well.
13. If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail: [ksmalsutis@gmail.com](mailto:ksmalsutis@gmail.com).
14. **FINAL REGULATIONS OF THE PROJECT**
15. Each participant of this project agrees (from the registration) that his/her photos can be used to announce and publisize the project in the internet website.
16. All the participants will get the Certificates of Appreciation and References from Kaunas day nursery-kindergarten “Smalsutis” about the participation in the international pre-school and pre-primary school project “THE EARTH IS IN CHILDREN'S HANDS” in the private Facebook group.