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## **Get Their Feet Wet!**

Water Conservation Education for the Young Learner

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#### By the end of the Session



activity/game





music

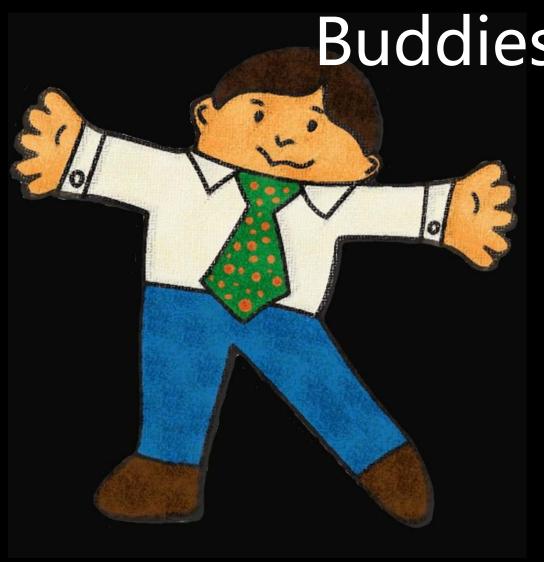


travel buddies



pester power



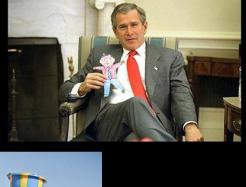


Inspired by Flat Stanley

## Travel Buddies















## Why Travel Buddies?

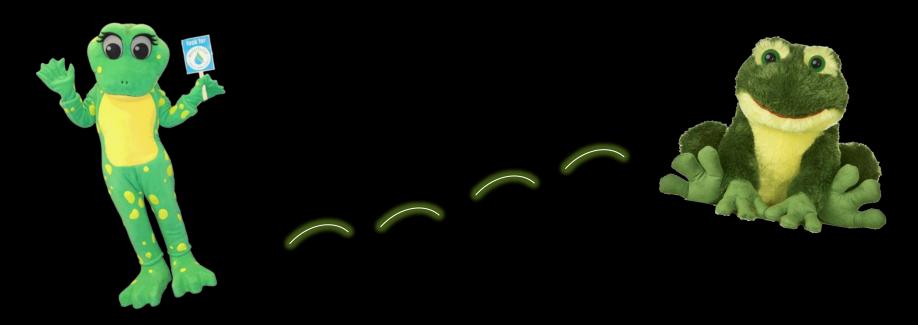


offers continued water education

## Why Travel Buddies?



## Hello, little lily



#### Little Lily's Pad Hop Project

- ▲ Little Lily
- Travel Backpack
- **♦ Travel Log**
- Books
- ♦ Water Adventure Book
- Teacher's Guide

- Origin Storybook
- Certificates
- ♦ Frog Tattoos
- **♦ Classroom Poster**
- ♦ Froggie Care Packages

#### A closer look



certificate in house

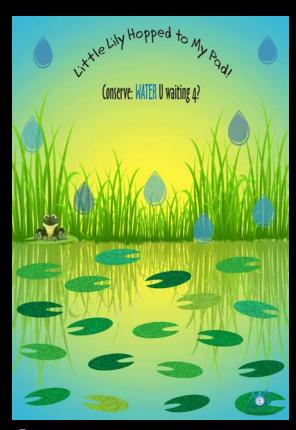




**tattoos**Oriental Trading Co.



toilet tablets
Niagara



classroom poster
Vistaprint

## Freedom to adapt





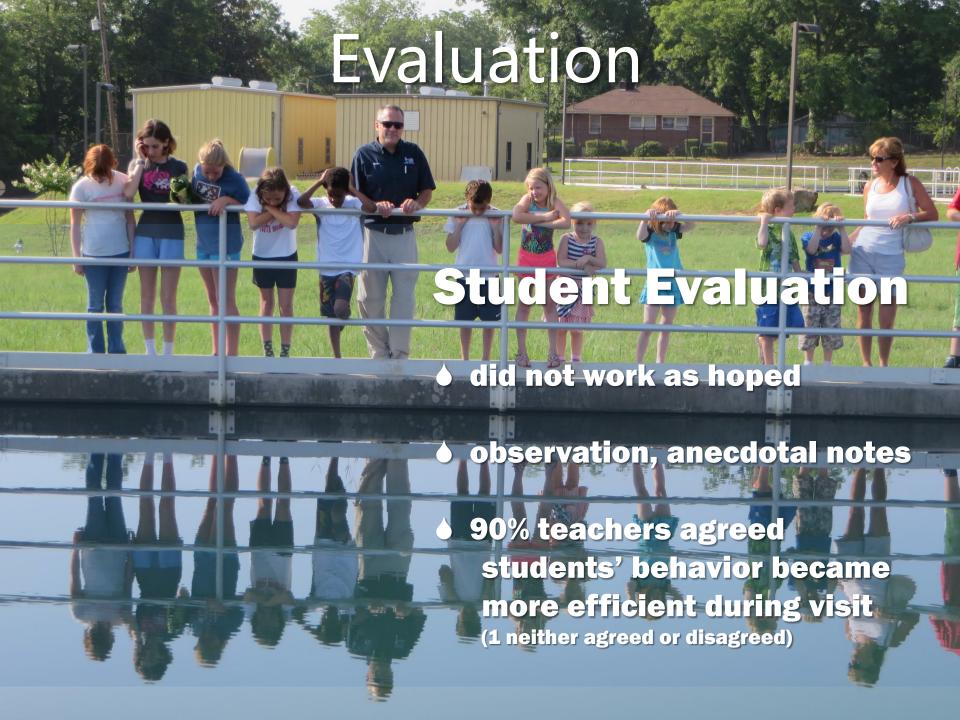
science night





Ripple Effect Film Project entry

journal entries





#### **Teacher Feedback**

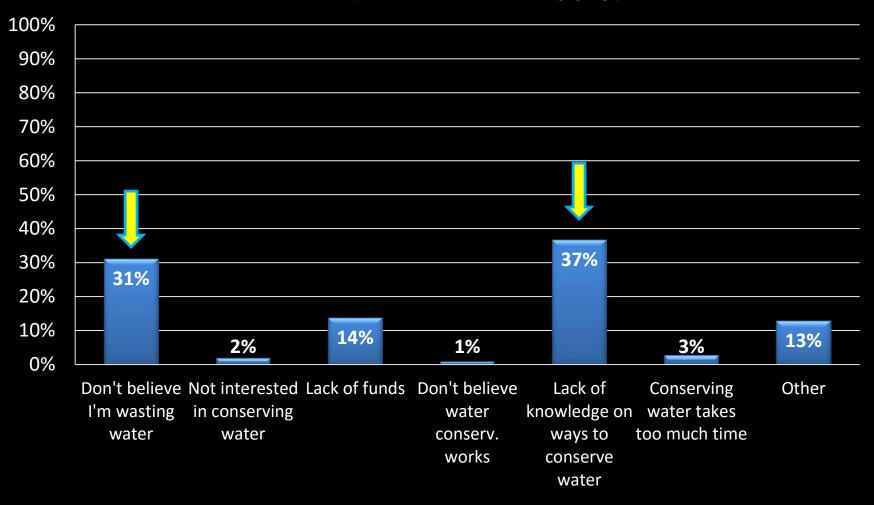
- no added work or extra burden
- very positive feedback & many repeat teachers
- receive feedback on Pester Power: parents reported children talking about how to care for water at home after Little Lily left

#### Evaluation

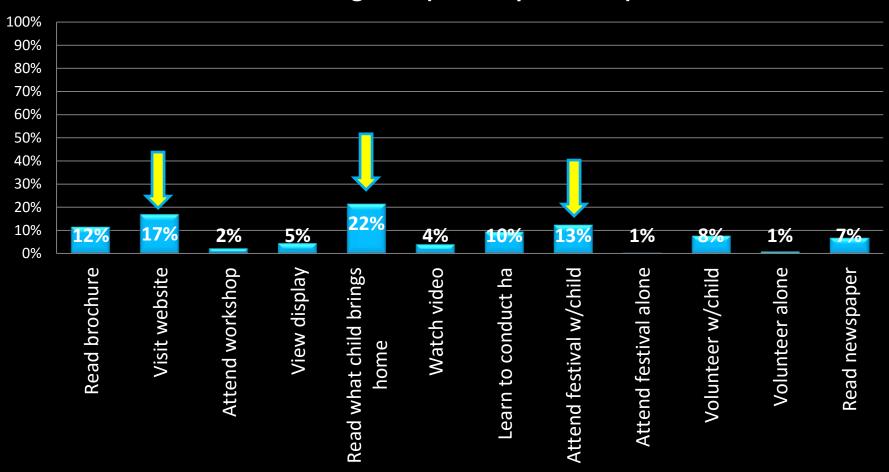
#### Parent Survey

- ♦ Difficult to get back, particularly post-survey
- ♦ Offer incentive to class for 50% return rate
- **♦ Will include Spanish version**

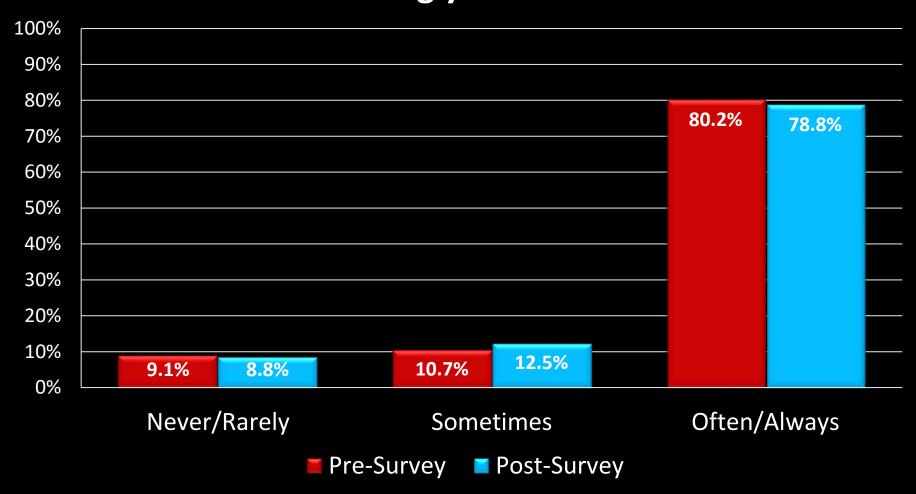
## What prevents you from conserving water in your home? (check all that apply)



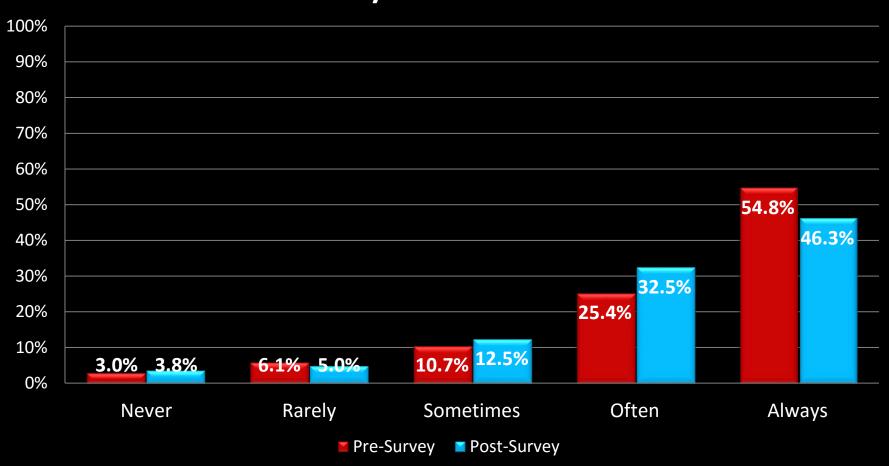
If you had the following kinds of learning opportunities to learn about more water issues, which would you be most likely take advantage of? (check up to three)



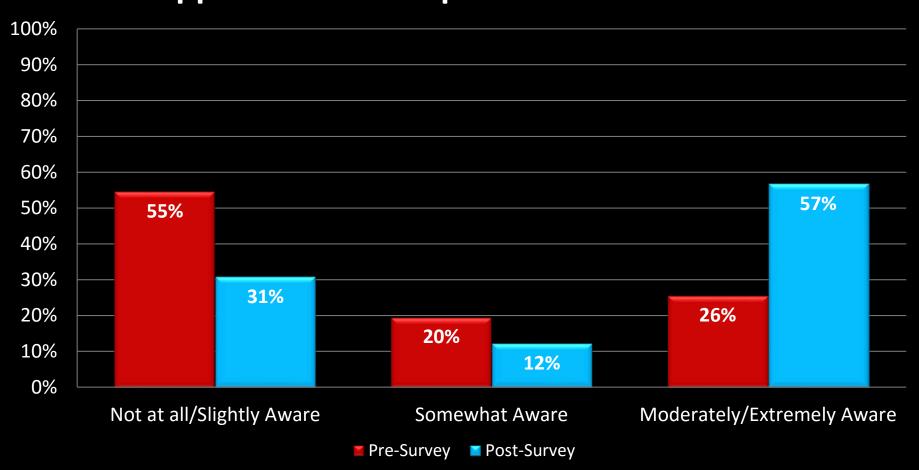
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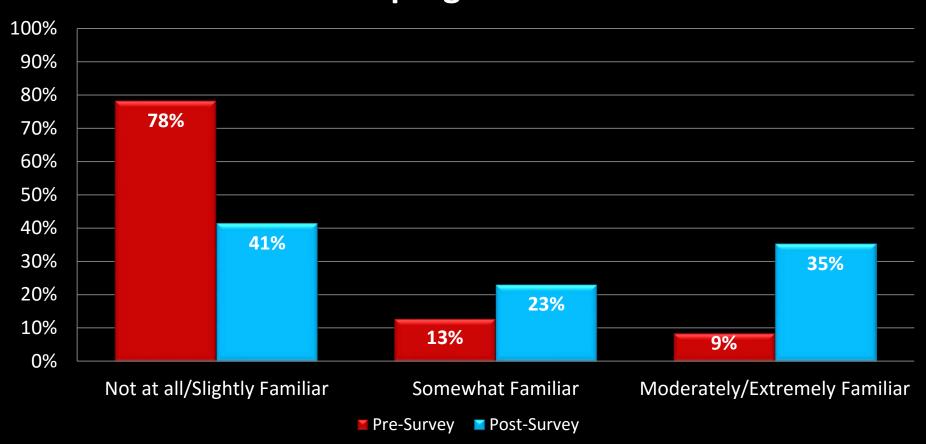
## How often do you turn off the water while brushing your teeth?



## Are you aware that turning off electrical appliances can help to conserve water?



# Are you familiar with the WaterSense program?



# Costs Up to you...



**\$? & time** 



\$6.25 a dz



\$10.00 + \$2.00 costume

#### Worth the \$\$?

- Offers continuous water education
- Good way to reach the younger learner
- Builds relationships with teachers & schools
- Avenue to reach parents with our materials

#### Contacts

2013 - 14 AY: In 8 classrooms Estimated 150 students & families

2014 - 15 AY: In 16 classrooms Estimated 380 students & families

2015 - 16 AY: Goal of 20 classrooms 425 students & families



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### Thank you!

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