

Happy Green 2009!

I thought this Green Tip would be perfect for the New Year for those of us who have New Year's resolutions that include making a difference on the planet. The following are a list of websites where you just have to click your mouse and you will make a difference by donating to a variety of charities including a variety that help save the rainforest and help stop global warming. These sites cost nothing for us, but by clicking we are helping others. I

For example I went on the Care 2 website: www.care2.com and through one click I saved 7.4 sq. ft. of Rainforest, another click reduced one pound of carbon, another helped save the Oceans and another helped save baby seals!

If we add these sites to our Favorites and make a habit of clicking each day when we have a minute, together we can really make a difference just by clicking our mouse.

By the way, Free Rice would be a wonderful one for our students and it's fun for us. It works on vocabulary. It is addictive. I just donated 680 grains of rice and had a hard time pulling myself off of the site.

The following are a list of several of the Click to Donate *sites*-

- www.CharityUSA.com - family of donation sites including the Rainforest Site and the Breast Cancer Site.
- www.care2.com - click to conserve land, help kids, and stop violence against women. Log in to track your clicks over time.
- www.thenonprofits.com- links to over 50 different click-to-donate sites.
- www.freerice.com/- game that brushes up your vocab - each answer you get right, you'll donate 20 grains of rice to the UN World Food Program.
- www.goodsearch.com/- search engine powered by Yahoo; it donates 50% of revenues to charities that users like you choose.

Here's a short tip submitted by Chris Digilio.

Unused fabric can be donated to a sewing group that makes quilts for the homeless.

It can be dropped off at:

St. Giles School
1045 Columbian Ave.
Oak Park

Once again, this is a tip that can make a difference for others!