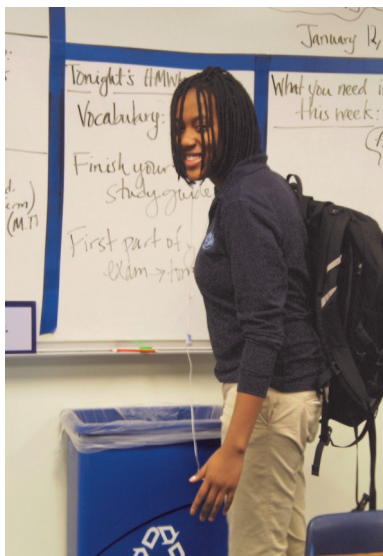


Melody Learns to Recycle!

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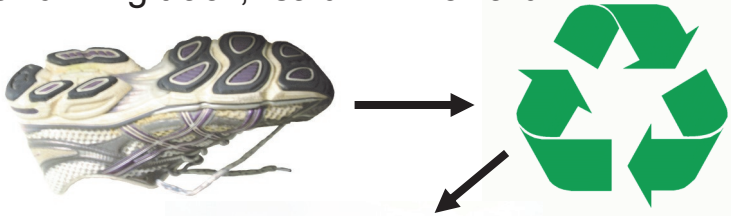


This is Melody.
She is nine years old,
and she is in the second
grade.

One day, Melody's science teacher Mr. Howard told the class, "We will be learning about what we can do to help our planet."



"We will see how they recycle old sneakers and turn them into an athletic surface for a running track," said Mr. Howard.



At the recycling center, Melody and her classmates learned the steps to recycle sneakers and turn them into a running track.



First, people collect the sneakers.



Second, the sneakers are shipped to the recycling center.



Third, the recycling center breaks up the soles of the shoes into small pieces of rubber.



Finally, they use these small pieces to make athletic surfaces for running tracks.



Melody also learned that there are many other things that can be recycled, such as paper, glass, plastic, and aluminum.



When Melody went home she told her family about recycling and how important it was. They agreed to help her recycle.

