Dear Parent or Guardian,

What can a penny buy? Plenty! That is, when children nationwide collect their pennies and spare change in support of exciting and interesting conservation projects. **Each year Pennies for the Planet focuses on three important conservation projects and invites kids to help.** You'll see this year's projects featured on the student handouts that your child will bring home.

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Participating in Pennies for the Planet is easy. Here's how to get started:

1. Ask your child about this year's featured Pennies for the Planet projects. Then have him or her draw and color an animal from each habitat on the collection jar label below.
2. Find an empty jar or can. Cut out the label, or make your own, and tape it to your container. Decorate it as much as you'd like!
3. Place the jar in a visible spot in your home. Collect change until _____ (due date).

The most important thing about Pennies for the Planet is that your child learns more about the animals and habitats affected by our three featured conservation projects—and the animals and habitats in your own community.

- Encourage your child to share fun facts about the featured habitats and animals.
- Discuss what your family can do to help local habitats and animals. Schedule a time to take a hike, visit a local nature center, or simply sit outdoors and identify birds.
- Talk to your child about the value of programs like Pennies for the Planet and how every effort matters, no matter how big or small.
- Visit penniesfortheplanet.org for more ideas on how to make a difference. If you're on Facebook, "Like" Pennies for the Planet.

Pennies for the Planet is something the whole family can participate in. Have fun!

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Your child's teacher

PS: Every child who participates wins Pennies for the Planet prizes!

Collection Jar Label

Draw and color a picture in each of the boxes below.

Restore Sabal Palm Forest	Preserve Our Barrier Islands	Protect the Arctic Ocean

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