



Poppin' Tags

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3rd Grade

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Our Poppin' Tags project helped students learn about fast and slow fashion and the environmental and social impacts of both. Students learned about fashion in different social contexts and cultures and explored more sustainable choices to become informed consumers and influence the buying choices of others. Students learned basic sewing skills and discovered fun ways to reuse and repurpose clothing items before discarding them. Students also designed and curated a space for our 3rd grade thrift store and removed the stigma of thrift store shopping. This thrift store helped support our students in feeling more comfortable and even proud of using gently used clothing.

Teacher Reflection

It was amazing to see our students developing their sewing skills throughout this project. Students also enjoyed shopping in the thrift store taking great pride in the clothing they chose. They would come to school the next day wearing the donated clothing from their peers. Students also became empowered by the information and knowledge gained about the environmental impact of fast fashion and helped their families make more sustainable choices. Students also became empowered to host their own expert speakers in the fashion industry through Zoom.

—Mara Gonzales

Student Reflection

This project changed me because I had no idea fast fashion was polluting the earth. Now I know in my mind that we need to help the environment get better. And it doesn't just pollute the earth, the people who make fast fashion aren't getting a lot of money. That's unfair to humans, not just to nature.

-Avi

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