Ella Baker Elementary School

School District: Lake Washington
School Location: Redmond
Began participating in Green Schools Program: February 2019
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2019

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Ella Baker Elementary achieved a recycling rate of 50 percent.
- To encourage waste reduction and recycling practices, the school shared announcements over the PA system and in the school newsletter.
- Fourth-grade and fifth-grade classes worked on a variety of food waste reduction projects throughout the year and shared their results with staff.
- The King County Going Green assembly was presented to all students and teachers.
- All classes incorporated lessons in sustainability into their curriculum.
- Students created presentations on how waste can impact orcas and salmon.
- The school switched from disposable trays and utensils in the lunchroom to reusable alternatives.
- Student and parent volunteers were trained to monitor and assist other students with lunchroom waste bin sorting.