

A Recent Service Learning Experience for Kindergarten

I wanted to share this with you so you can see the learning that happened behind the scenes.

- Kindergarten celebrates 100 days of school and because the school supports Ovidiu Rom it was decided that this year they would tie this in with helping them.
- First it was determined what their need was and we found out it was school supplies and toys. (Need)
- The contacts with this organization have already been established so this part was easy.
- The Kindergarten children were told about Ovidiu Rom and the poor schools and how we wanted to help them (of course we want children to initiate the action, however, the younger the children, the harder it is for them to do this).
- A note went home informing parents and teachers in Elementary about the project.
- Student Council also wanted to be involved which was great as they came up with their own ideas on how they could help to publicize this and how they could help the Kinder children to count the final collection.
- The children kept a record of how many items were brought in within each class. Kinder students sorted the items and the Student council and the Action Service students helped to tally the results by putting similar items together and counting them. There was no reward for the class that brought in the most...just satisfaction that they were doing something to help others.
- A report was written at the end and presented to the community via E-News and the teachers.
- A display was also put on a bulletin for all to see.
- Ovidiu rom made posters to thank us and came to visit our school to give a presentation of thanks to us.
- A trip to visit some of the schools we helped will be planned on a Saturday and open for all those who would like to come.
- The children were very excited and proud of all the items they collected for the schools.

Photos were taken of the whole process and documented. It is planned to make this into a book that can be put in the library.