

Service Learning Projects

Candace - 5th Grade

Last year, fifth grade went to Rodeo Beach to pick up trash. We wrote persuasive essays about the damage that plastic water bottles do our planet; then we were able to go see that damage first hand, and tried to undo some of the problem. Students did a trash analysis after, and we discussed what we can do to keep litter away from God's creation. This year our goal is to participate in the Save the Bay program and "adopt" an animal from India, since India is our global awareness country. We will also clean up Rodeo Beach again in January.

...let me know if that is not enough.

Julie Buscaglia - 7th Grade

In the 7th grade we ran a Service Learning Project, "Fill the Life Raft" after studying about the Refugee Crisis in the Middle East and Africa. For the week leading up to our 'One Day Event-Fill the Life Raft' we shared videos, prayers and a plea from Pope Francis how everyone is called to help out our brothers & sisters in Christ in this crisis. In one day we raised \$1803.00 and we are still calculating the coins that were donated. In the past few years, the 7th led a week long coin drive TK-8th grades for World Food Day in partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach. 7th grade and 3rd grade budding class will be making Homeless Care Packages (ziploc) to distribute over the Thanksgiving holiday break. As we meet with each family (parents and student) to go over the student's successes and areas for growth we remember to give thanks for the many blessings we have and recognize just how fortunate we are. Each family will walk away from conferences not only with the academic successes of their child, but a ziploc care package to give out over break when they encounter someone down on their luck in need of a hand out and hopefully a 'hand up'!

Hailey O'Connor - 3rd

Loretta,

Here is my paragraph:

At Saint Patrick School, we extend our hearts to the community around us through our service learning projects. In 3rd grade, we write letters to the Carquinez Women's Group. While the 3rd graders get to practice friendly letter writing and cursive writing, they also are learning how to be a good friend and find common interests with a friendly stranger!

Ok I was going to include about how the pen pals come and meet with the class and have tea around the time of Mother's Day Tea because I think Kelly mentioned that to me during my interview, but I'm not sure if this happens!

Thanks for doing this!

-Hailey

Karen Francis - 8th Grade

Each year the 8th graders meet monthly with their TK and preschool buddies and last year added a class with the special need students from Rodeo Hills. Their activities vary from seasonal learning about special holidays, academic classes, arts and crafts, and social skills. These activities teach the 8th graders that we are all teachers of God's children and that everyone is precious in God's eyes.

Another service project 8th grade sponsors is the Wall of Fame. Each alumni is asked to give a monetary donation with a mosaic tile that helps to beautify the middle school campus and provides financial aid for incoming students.

Whenever there is a disaster in the world, our students rise to the occasion and help others by donating money, food, and clothing. One disaster the 8th grade sponsored was Operation PIN.

(Filipino In Need) when the Philippines experienced a typhoon and earthquake. We began a school-wide project during the month of December to help raise funds to aid the Philippines with their basic necessities. We had several families in our school who have relatives and friends that were affected by this disaster and were greatly appreciative of our combined support. All our monetary funds were sent directly to the Catholic Relief Services who were currently lending aid to numerous families in need of shelter and everyday basic necessities especially the citizens of Tacloban City. The 8th graders also wrote business letters to the local community businesses to help match our school's donation.

Stephanie Borchers - PE Teachers

My favorite Service learning Experience is on community day. I join the 8th grade class in the clean up at Rodeo Hills elementary. as a person who grew up in Rodeo and receiving my education from the local public school district it is a privilege to give back to my past and work with a fellow classmate (Rodeo Hills Principal Mr. Trotter)

Kari Martz - First Grade

Hi here you go:

First graders at Saint Patrick School make connections to learning and service all year long. Most of our service projects focus around our main (and maybe the most important) task in first grade of learning to read. We have already met with our TK buddies and spend 15-20 minutes every month, reading to them. After a field trip this month to the local Library, we will be helping to clean the library, put away books, and make goodie bags to be given to people who check out books, throughout the year. We also have a used book drive on Dr. Suess' birthday, all the donations brought in by the students at our school are donated to The East Bay Children's Book Project. We also have service projects that are connected to our SLEs "Faith Filled Person of God" and "Person of Service", where we meet with local seniors and give them cards for

holidays, decorate for holidays, read with them, and leave them gift bags. Already this year we organized an impromptu service project at the very beginning of the year, after learning about the Lake County Fires. We collected donations items and donated them to those devastated by the fire. In one day our school collected several truck loads of items. The first graders helped by not only bringing items for donation, but also by carrying all the times to be loaded in the cars and making cards and artwork that was sent with our donations.

Marnie Acedo - 2nd Grade

In second grade, students are working hard to show that they are People of Service! In the past, second grade students have been focused on helping different causes in the world. Second and fifth grade classes would pair up to throw a school wide bake sale to raise money for Catholic Relief Services. All the money earned was given during Lent to contribute to the CRS bowls. This year, second grade students are focused on being stewards of our Parish, St. Patrick. Since our main focus in religion is the Sacraments, we are partnering with the church and having a School and Parish Beautification Day. Parents and church members are gathering on a Saturday morning to work on sprucing up our campus and surrounding grounds. Throughout the year, students will be making and creating birthday cards to send to the newly baptized members of our church and making them feel welcome and included. As people of service, we will try to bring Christ's Light to other people!

Hoadley 6th Grade

This spring, the sixth grade will be taking part in a service learning field trip with Save the Bay. This experience combines our earth science curriculum standards with the Catholic Social Teaching of "caring for God's creation". The field trip introduces students to the the San Francisco Bay estuary and engages them in critical tidal marsh restoration in order to help them gain an understanding of local wetlands. By connecting curriculum and nature, the hope and the intent is to promote excitement, wonder, and sense of responsibility to care for God's creation.