



Service-Learning Themes and Projects for Young Youth

The Environment

1. Invite speaker from Waste Trac , Hartman Nature Reserve, or Green Iowa AmeriCorps (located at UNI) to discuss environmental concerns
Book: The Lorax by Dr. Seuss
Activity: Clean up litter in the neighborhood
2. Invite a local florist to speak about flowers
Book: Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Activity: Plant flowers in small cups to give to a special person

Animal Care

1. Invite a speaker from the Humane Society
Book: Let's Get a Pup by Bob Graham
Activity: Make tie blankets for the Humane Society
2. Invite a veterinarian to speak to children about care of pets
Book: Before You Were Mine by Maribeth Boots
Activity: Make cat toys: (put a tablespoon of catnip in a toddler's sock, put in a cotton ball to hold it in place, tie sock closed)

Community Helpers

1. Invite a speaker from the local police force to discuss safety.
Book: Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rahman
Activity: Make cookies for police station and/or make cards to give to the officers
2. Invite a firefighter to discuss safety.
Book: Arthur's Fire Drill by Marc Brown
Activity: make cookies for fire station and/or make cards to give to the firefighters.
3. Invite a city sanitation worker to bring a truck and explain his job.
Book: Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman
Activity: Make a thank you note to take home and put on home garbage can on the day of pick-up.

The Elderly

1. Invite a speaker from Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging to discuss the elderly
Book: Wilfrid Gordon McDonald by Mem Fox
Activity: Make cards for food boxes for elderly for Northeast Iowa Food Bank

2. Invite a speaker from a local nursing home to discuss the elderly.

Book: Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie de Paola

Activity: Make decorations to take to a nursing home

Kindness/Tolerance

1. Invite a speaker from the Human Rights Commission.

Book: The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss

Activity: Make friendship bracelets

2. Invite a counselor or perhaps a parent to speak to class on the importance of kindness.

Book: Julius, Baby of the World by Kevin Henkes

Activity: Everyone will write a nice note to someone

Homelessness

1. Invite someone from the Salvation Army to speak to class about homelessness.

Book: Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting

Activity: Collect socks for a homeless shelter

2. Invite someone from the People's Clinic to speak about the homeless.

Book: A Shelter in Our Car by Monica Gunning

Activity: Collect shampoo, soap, and other hygiene products. Bag them and donate to a shelter.

Hunger

1. Invite someone from Northeast Iowa Food Bank to speak about food insecurity.

Book: Stone Soup by Jon Muth

Activity: Decorate small paper bag and ask students to please return it to school with a can of food for the Food Bank.

2. Invite someone from Iowa State Extension about the importance of gardening to help feed the hungry.

Book: Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan

Activity: Depending on time of year, start vegetable seeds to donate to community garden.

Bullying

1. Invite school counselor to speak to class about bullying.

Book: Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Activity: Make anti-bullying posters to be displayed in building.

2. Invite someone from the student services office to speak about bullying.

Book: Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

Activity: Have students invite someone they really don't play with to sit by them at lunch.