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Topics and Projects Ideas  
(These projects have been completed by students in area schools as part of our Service-Learning programs)

Advocacy

* Present a power point on civility at City Council meetings — (social studies)
* Prepare a power point on the bad effects of drugs and inviting legislators to view it — (science, literacy)
* Write letters to legislators about some topic of passion — (social studies, literacy)
* Lobby legislators at Capitol about a researched topic – (social studies, literacy)
* Prepare and present power point on school start times to administrators/School Board — (literacy)

Homelessness/Hunger

* Raise money for Food Bank — (math, social studies, science)
* Serve lunch at Salvation Army — (civic awareness)
* Ring bells for Salvation Army either at schools or at businesses — (math)
* Sort items donated to Salvation Army thrift store — (math, civic awareness)
* Make food and serve at Catholic Worker House — (math, civic awareness)
* Sort food and/or package backpack items at Food Bank — (math, civic awareness)
* Make tie blankets — (fine motor growth, civic awareness)
* Collect hygiene items — (science)
* Collect gently used books, toys, etc. for shelters — (literacy)
* Make a nutritional cookbook – (science, literacy)
* Work in garden at Food Bank or Peoples clinic — (science)
* Have a lemonade stand to raise money for Food Bank — (math)

Education

* Literacy program— conduct an afterschool program at public library for kids at Boys/Girls Club — (literacy)
* Make posters for encouraging students to do well at school — (art, character education)
* Create a book, “Welcome to our School “to distribute to new students — (literacy)
* Tutor in a Head Start/ preschool classroom and other peer tutoring — (literacy, math)

Animals

* Make pet blankets — (science)
* Make cat toys (socks and cat nip) — (science)
* Make dog treats — (math)
* Bag cat/dog food — (math)
* Create flyers about the care of pets — (science, literacy)
* Make bird feeders — (math)
* Collect freezer burned meat and donate to Wildlife Rehabilitation — (science)
* Write pet care books and donate to Humane Society — (writing)

Elderly

* Write cultural/life stories for residents of nursing homes — (literacy)
* Make picture frames — (art)
* Play games — (P.E.)
* Read books on tape for the elderly — (literacy)
* Become pen pals with a senior center — (literacy)
* Make a brochure of senior citizen discounts — (math, literacy)

Drug Abuse

* Research and make a power point about drug abuse — (science)
* Make PSA’s about using drugs — (science, literacy)
* Make posters about drug use — (science, art)

Child Abuse

* Make blankets for CASA/foster care kids — (character education)
* Create a book that teaches kids to stay safe — (literacy, science, social studies)

Environment

* Clean school grounds/parks — (science)
* Make family litter bags — (science, art)
* Make recycling areas for the home or school — (science)
* Hold an invention contest with entries made with recycled materials — (science, art)
* Conduct an energy audit at school — (science, math)
* Calculate carbon footprints – (science, math)
* Adopt a stream or a trail — (science)
* Help maintain nature trails — (science)
* Advocate for environmental issues — (science, literacy)

Military

* Write letters to veterans/current military — (literacy)
* Make cards/letters for Honor Flights — (art)

Health

* Present a play on healthy habits — (literacy)
* Research cancer—collect books, coloring books, crayons, etc. to donate to hospitals for children — (science, math, character education)
* Raise money and donate to Hospice, St. Jude’s. etc. — (science, math)
* Make giggle books for kids in hospitals — (literacy, art)
* Create a campaign to promote healthy lifestyles — (science, literacy, art)

Racism/Diversity

* Make a video on racism — (social studies, literacy)
* Write letters to editor — (literacy)
* Survey fellow students — (math, literacy)

Community Helpers

* Read about and invite policemen, firemen, sanitation workers, etc. to explain their jobs and have students write thank you notes — (literacy, social studies)

Bullying

* Create a bullying awareness day — research books lists, write stories, present power point, etc.— (social studies, literacy)
* Produce and present a suicide prevention power point – (science, social studies, literacy)
* Conduct a school survey on bullying — (science, literacy, math)

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