



Topics and Projects

(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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