

Community Project

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Investigating: Goal

what did we want to accomplish?

we wanted to accomplish was to raise enough money
For a cleft lip child to have surgery and get it fixed.
our other goal was that we were asked to help 3 girls
learn english. we wanted to help them learn english and
be able to communicate in english and teach them
math.

Our research :

We found a lot of our information about children with cleft lips and palates because my sister was born with it so she had to get surgery. We found out about Operation Smile because it was in a commercial on tv. We also found out about it because of Makayla's sister. We found out about the three girls from Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Farley. We looked up how to teach children who have never spoken English before. We found that it is much harder than we expected to teach students Language Arts and Math. Now they know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.

Operation Smile

For our project we thought we could do something caring and that could change the world. We had a hat day to raise money for Operation Smile because we want to make our world a better place and see it brighter. Operation needs money so that children can have surgery. Also children have been bullied from how they looked like because they don't look the same as others. Some families don't have enough money for surgery, and it hurts them to see their children like how they look now because some children just want to be like others. All we want to accomplish is our job: help our world. In addition, we have been tutoring 3 girls (Ana, Juana, Angelina) and they have improved so much. Furthermore, we are glad the girls know English and can try to use it in their education and don't have to struggle.

Taking Action

Did it change from beginning to end? what we did and how we did it.

It changed just a little bit with the 3 girls because instead of just learning english we had to do math. when they came to us they could not speak english. So the first thing we did was in the first week they just used the translator but now they can just walk up to us and say "Hello,How are you" before they could not say that. After we did that we worked on math and they have improved.

what was the plan?

our plan was to raise money for an organization called operation smile. we wanted to raise enough money to help at least one child have surgery to help fix their cleft lip and palate. over the course of our project we changed our minds about what we wanted to do and we changed to tutoring 3 girls (Ana, Juana, and Angelina) we are helping them learn english. we accomplished our goal by having a computer lab for our classroom and we taught the girls math and reading. when they came to us they didn't know english and now they know a lot. we really helped them and we are so proud of them.

Websites you can reach:

You can go to the operation smile website to donate and to look at some of the difference pictures. Here is the link:

<http://www.operationsmile.org/>

Reflection

what did you learn about yourself and about your community?

we learned that it's not easy to teach ESL (English as a Second Language). People think it is easy teach ESL, but you have a lot of stuff to teach. You need to prepare them when they get back into class.

which of the Approaches to Learning Skills were most important and why?

The important learning skills were learning how to speak english (Language Arts) because someday the girls (Ana, Angelina, and Juana) will need to speak english in their lives. when they learn enough of it they can talk to other people who speak english.