

KidzCare News

ELEMENTARY CLASS NEWS

December's theme for the elementary class was "Third World." We learned about three different charities that assist people in developing nations: Compassion International, World Vision, and Amman Imman ("Water is Life"). A special thanks to Cori Lathan for arranging the speaker from Amman Imman, who gave a truly beautiful and hope-filled presentation.

Our service projects included making Christmas cards for Augustina, our sponsored child through Compassion International, and an alternative gift market at our holiday party benefiting World Vision.



Reminders

- The **MLK Day of Service** is Monday, January 18th. There will not be regular class that day, however all families should plan to participate in our MLK Day service project for the homeless shelter. An e-mail was sent out yesterday with details, and a sign up sheet will be available in class. Please sign up in class, or email me with your preferences.
- **Endangered species reports** are due in class on January 25. Both classes will be together for these presentations so that all of our students can learn from each other. Parents and siblings are also welcome to attend. Animal assignments were sent home before the winter break. If you need another copy, please let me know.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

The middle-schoolers began their 6-week study of "Animals in Need." This unit will cover a wide range of issues such as animal shelters, animal rescue organizations, service animals, animal cruelty, wildlife rehabilitation centers, protecting endangered species and preventing habitat destruction.

At the conclusion of this unit, the students will again prepare, plan, and implement a service project of their own design. More information will be sent home on this in mid-February. We ask for patience and flexibility from parents in order to allow these students the chance to put their ideas into action.

Change in Lead Teacher position

Akua Ansong who was scheduled to begin in December as our new lead teacher will be unable to join us. Instead, Ms. Tamisha Ottley has accepted this position and will be starting on January 11. She will be teaching the K-4th grade class, and will also be responsible for supervising our volunteer teachers and assistant teachers. Ms. Ottley has a strong background as a volunteer mentor for at-risk youth and will make an outstanding addition to the KidzCare family!



Upcoming Events:

Tues. 1/5:

Bag lunches for the homeless shelter

Wed. 1/13:

Box food for Manna Food Center

Mon. 1/18:

MLK Day of Service -- prepare & serve dinner at shelter

Register for events online at KidzCareUSA.org

Our Wish List:

- Brown paper lunch bags.
- Plastic spoons.
- Ziploc plastic sandwich bags.
- Juice boxes (100% juice).
- Large empty cardboard boxes.

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Grade K-4
Class Schedule Detail for December 2009

Dec. 7: Third World

Lesson: Watched a DVD presentation on Compassion International

Service Project: Made Christmas cards for our sponsored child, Augustina, in Ghana

Reflection: None.

Curriculum alignment: Geography (learned about the people, culture, religions, and languages of Ghana)

Dec. 14: Third World

Lesson: Speaker from Amman Imman ("Water is Life") gave a presentation on their well-drilling project in Niger, Africa; Lesson on World Vision and alternative gift markets as a way to give meaningful gifts during the holidays.

Service Project: Alternative Gift Market

Reflection: None.

Curriculum alignment: Geography (learned about Niger)

Looking ahead to January.....

Jan. 4: Animals: Montgomery County Humane Society

Jan. 11: Animals: Animal rescue organizations

Jan. 18: MLK DAY OF SERVICE (The shelter dinner service project will take the place of our regular class)

Jan. 25: Animals: Endangered Species Reports due!