Service Learning Project Matrices

Providence College's SLATE Project

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Grade Level: Kindergarten

LISTENING
✓ Listen to stories
✓ Listening to others
✓ Listening to expert gardener

SPEAKING
✓ Record books students make on tapes
✓ Asking questions
✓ Participating

READING
Reading books re: plant communities

WRITING
✓ Make books as an extension of communities to record on tape
✓ Letter writing or donations or determining community needs
✓ Recording observations
✓ Write press release

SERVICE
✓ Give life story to family of senior
✓ Make a history book presented to senior
✓ Student teach senior something

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT
Planting to beautify our community

ART/MUSIC
✓ Collages
✓ Spring pictures
✓ Songs about growing

SCIENCE
✓ Learn about parts of plant
✓ Learn about plant communities
✓ Experiments with planting
✓ Make a parallel to community needs
✓ Lifecycle of plants

SOCIAL STUDIES
✓ Define communities
Use books:
Communities
Somewhere in the universe
✓ Define community needs

MATH
✓ Measuring growth of plant
✓ Sorting seeds
✓ Graphing

OTHER BOOKS
✓ Planting A Rainbow
✓ Growing Vegetable Soup
✓ Inch By Inch

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Grade Level: 3rd

LISTENING
✓ Listen to stories (seniors)
✓ Share music of the time then and now

SPEAKING
✓ Formulate and ask questions (reporter)
✓ Communication skills
✓ Social skills (how do you make friends? What do you say?)

READING
✓ Wilfred Gordon Mcdonald
✓ Dear Annie
✓ Lifesstory to senior

WRITING
✓ Taking notes
✓ Translating into a life story
✓ Reflection (letters, journals, etc.)

SERVICE
✓ Give life story to family of senior
✓ Make a history book presented to senior
✓ Student teach senior something

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT
To make connections with seniors

MATH
✓ Life time (chart senior and student)
✓ What year was I born? If I’m 90, how old was I when you were born?

ART
✓ Illustrate lifesstory with senior
✓ Take photo of senior and student
✓ Quilt project (also uses math skills)

SCIENCE
✓ Share the recipe
✓ Include cooking session and history
✓ Learn and experience aging process (rice in your shoes, walker, vaseline on lenses of glasses

SOCIAL STUDIES
✓ Geography
✓ Community history

REFLECTION
✓ Letters
✓ Pictures
✓ Journals
✓ All for both students and seniors

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Grade Level: 3rd/4th

LISTENING
- Listen to stories
- Speaker (nursery owners, gardeners, ecology expert, etc.)

SPEAKING
- Students generate ideas - brainstorm interview questions for speaker.

READING
- "Miss Rumphius"
- "Plants never bloom" Ruth Heller
- "The Carrot Seed"
- "Grandpa's Garden Lunch"

WRITING
- Students write letters to stores, families, seniors, thank you letters. Letter to local newspaper, signs for plants

SERVICE
- Visit nursing home
- Flower arranging
- Adopting an area in city to clean and plant
- Mural or paintings in public facility (library, civic center, cafeteria)
- Redo
- Planting trees, How to care for it

MATH
- Estimating how tall plant or roots, how many days of growth, measuring

HEALTH
- Learning about herbs
- Safety issues in gardening environment

SCIENCE
- Study of plants
- Research
- Growing cycles
- Comparisons
- Estimating and measuring

SOCIAL STUDIES
- Mapping
- Study of communities

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT
You must do something to make the place more beautiful

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LISTENING
- Listen to senior citizens
- Listen to stories about gardening, etc.

SPEAKING
- Talking to people about project
- School assembly to share experiences
- Preparing them to work with elderly

READING
- Research flower types
- Vocabulary development
- Sequencing steps
- Write letters for donations

WRITING
- Pen pals with senior citizens
- Survey to collect information on what flowers they like
- Information pamphlet on their project to take to SRS

SERVICE
- Grow plants at school
- Build boxes
- Beautify the community
- Building relationships in the community

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT
To make the world more beautiful by making flower boxes for senior citizens' windows.

MATH
- Measuring
- Budgeting
- Graph flowers by popularity

ART
- Make pictures for seniors
- Birthday, greeting cards
- Posters to advertise project

SCIENCE
- Seeds - how to plant

SOCIAL STUDIES
- Where plants grow
- Different environments presented in the book
- "Little Planet" software

ACTIVITIES
- Put yourself in older people's place - sensitivity training (cotton in ears, foggy glasses, wheelchairs)

MUSIC
- Share intergenerational music

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Grade Level: Upper Elementary

LISTENING
- Interview skills
- Guest speakers from community Vet.

SPEAKING
- Oral reading
- Speaking to Vet. Groups
- Interview skills

READING
- "Pick and Say" P. Polacco
- "The Wall"
- Other sources
  - Ann Landers
  - Dear Abby

WRITING
- Questions to ask
- Note taking
- Biographies
- Cards

SERVICE
- Adopt a Vet group
- Be in the Vet. Day Parade
- Flags in Cemetery

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT
Connecting With Vets

SCIENCE
- Photo taking and processing
- First aid, medics
- Nursing home awareness, health issue and physical disabilities
- Diabetic issues

SOCIAL STUDIES
- Timelines of wars
- Decades
- Maps of battles
- Segregated

ART
- Design a memorial
- Cards "thank you"
- Banners, posters

MATH
Graph visitor data to memorials

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