

Snapshots of Service Learning in Action...



Southern Illinois students reflect on their initial service experience. (1998-99)



Middle school students apply skills learned in their classroom to organize a lunch program for a local homeless shelter.(1998-99)



Momence High school students interview a "senior" for a social studies project and develop a greater understanding of their community.(1997-98)



A northern Illinois student collects scientific data and writes reflections for the day. (2000-01)



Middle school students teach computer literacy in their community.
(2000-01)



Southern Illinois students apply science lessons while re-vitalizing a nearby community lot.

[Matteson School District 162](#) opens up the doors to an outdoor classroom prairie garden where students engage in mathematical thinking and problem solving through a hands-on approach to learning.



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LEARNING WHILE SERVING OTHERS

Mrs. Aukamp's and Mrs. Falkenheim's fifth grade classes have been working with Mrs. Marty's and Mrs. Morton's kindergarten classes. Through the Learn and Serve Grant, the fifth graders are working with the kindergarten students in the academic area of reading. Armed with material that they prepared, the fifth graders tested the kindergarten student's knowledge of story elements (author, title, characters, etc.) Each fifth grader read their kindergarten student a story and discussed the story elements. The teachers and the student reported that the work sessions have been both positive and educational for the participants. Each group is looking forward to their December visit.



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SALUTING OUR VETERANS

On November 12, 2001, our four fourth grade classes presented a wonderful salute to our veterans. The gym was packed with veterans and their guests. After Miss Marshall, principal, welcomed everyone to the program, Stonington's American Legion Color Guard posted the flags. The fourth graders sang songs and recited the Preamble to the Constitution.. A 5th grade student read his thoughts on the September 11th tragedy. Senator Duane Noland, Representative Bill Mitchell, and Mr. Curtin, a representative from Senator Fitzgerald's office, addressed the audience. After each veteran was recognized with a flag, George Warnick read the story "The Wall." The ceremony continued with a moment of silence and the playing of taps. At the conclusion of the event, the colors were retired and the veterans, guests, and students went outside for the dedication of a veterans' memorial. The fourth grade students and their teachers should be congratulated for all of their hard work and dedication to this project. This fourth grade project was a part of the Learn and Serve Grant. The purpose of this grant is to interweave basic curriculum lessons into a project that serves a community need thereby teaching students the value of community service.