

Children's Day Celebrations for the Nagireddyguda government primary school

In regards to the happy celebration of Children's Day, the students of grades DP 1 in Sreenidhi International School, came together to plan a fun, exciting day, full of activities and interesting games to entertain the children from the government primary school in Nagreddyguda. These children are 4th, 5th and 6th graders, who have a less privileged life than us, and we are trying to develop their skills in English, and Physical Education with the guidance and assistance of specific volunteers as well as teachers from our school, through activities and interactive learning procedures. In order to make Children's Day on the 14th of November, a delightful and interesting experience for the village primary school students, we started planning for almost a week prior.

This year, we wanted to make sure the kids had a good time, but in a new way in comparison to last year. Therefore, we planned out more group activities, that the kids themselves would enjoy. We also wanted to ensure that the volunteers truly engaged with the students- and that we celebrated as one with them. From last year's activity, we have understood how much the students love to dance, and therefore this is something which we wanted to implement into our session plan. We also planned out a simple collaborative game that we could engage the students with, and enjoy ourselves. But, we also wanted to make the event more organized than the last one, therefore we made sure to try to implement more creative activities. We really wanted to bring out the true meaning of Children's Day, but ensure that the students had a good time as well.

In the afternoon of the event, we departed from school to Nagireddyguda Village schools. The volunteer turnout was very strong- so we were confident that this event would be a success! We started our session with a short explanation about what Children's day means to all of us, and how November 14 is the birth anniversary of independent India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru- and his love for children causes us to celebrate Children's Day on this date. We gave them a brief about the importance of his actions for our nation, and then we set out to accomplish our next task- to create a promise jar.

Through the promise jar activity, we were able to understand the motivations and dreams of the students, and it helped them understand how they can work towards their goals to make themselves happy. I feel that this was a great activity to get to know the students, and for them to be able to showcase their identities and abilities to everyone else. The main aim of the event was for all of the volunteers to also engage themselves in the activities- and therefore we also jumped into the circle and shared our ideas and dreams!

Following this activity, with our knowledge of the students' love for dance, we had a short segment where one of the volunteers performed a dance segment, and then all of us, the volunteers and the students joined in. We had a great time, all of us were dancing and celebrating the occasion. We also got the unique opportunity to learn the local special dance that the students were well versed in- so we had a great learning experience that day as well! The dancing went on for the rest of the session- the students were enjoying it so much and so were we, that we did not end up switching to the game we had planned out. Nevertheless, they did enjoy the entire celebration- especially because of the dancing.

All of the kids enjoyed these special activities, and it made us extremely happy to see the smiling looks on each and every one of their faces. It was a long day, which was quite eventful and interesting, and after an amazing time, we returned to our school, with wonderful smiles and happy hearts! This was an amazing learning experience, and we personally developed many skills during the ongoings and procedures of the event. There was active participation and all of the volunteers gave us positive feedback. Overall, we can say that this Children's Day Celebration was a success!

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