

Catholic Action Responsibility and Education At St. Cecilia School

February 2010

2nd Grade Support of other Schools

The 2nd grade class had a book drive and bake sale to benefit St. Joseph's school in Santa Ana. The students donated new/gently used reading books and sold baked items at recess in November. The money raised will go toward the purchase of new books. All books and money were donated to the second grade class at St. Joseph's school in Santa Ana to help build a strong classroom library. St. Joseph's second grade teacher Sr. Michelle and the entire class were excited to get our generous donation. CAREing happens in our own community. Thanks 2nd grade!



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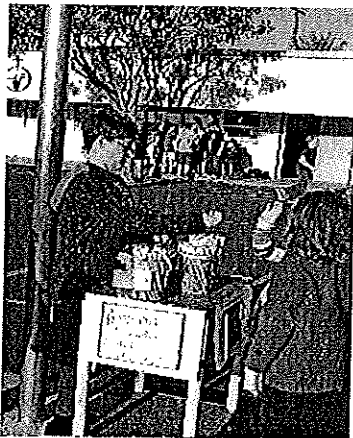
**Learning that we can make a
difference
Doing something to make a
difference**

1st grade

Poor around the World
Get ready to JUMP!
Coming in spring 2010....

6th grade

Homeless
Making blankets and donating them
to the Catholic Worker.
Also coming this spring....



8th Grade Children in Need

8th grade has adopted Fr. Marc's orphanage in Haiti (Hope Village) as their CARE project. They sold smencils (scented pencils) in December to raise money to send to the orphanage. And again in January the 8th grade sponsored a coin and cash drive to help the orphanage after the earthquake devastation. Donations are still needed as many new refugees are in need of shelter, food and clothing. Donations can be made via the website at www.freethekids.org.

8th grade will continue on-going communication with the Hope Village in Haiti and try to help in any way they can.

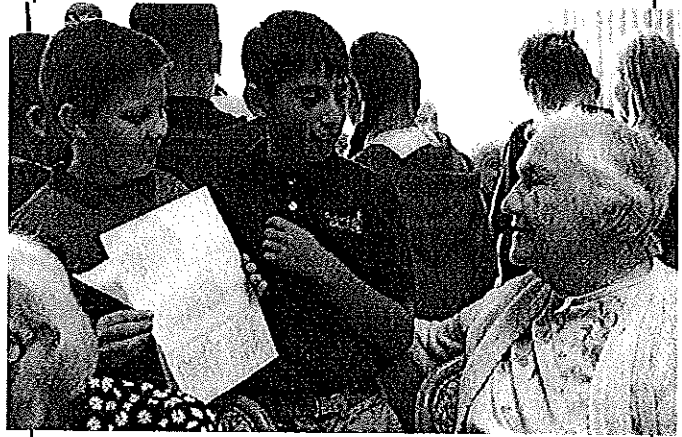
Kindergarten the Homeless

In December, our Kindergarten class donated gently used toys for homeless children at the Orange County Rescue Mission. A representative from the new Village of Hope campus came to talk to the class about what it is like for these children to be homeless. Thank you Kindergarten for your generous spirit!



4th Grade the Elderly

The month of December also found our 4th grade class visiting the Atria Senior Home in Irvine. The children entertained the residents by singing Christmas songs and one of the 4th graders played a few songs on the



piano. The students then interviewed many of the residents, getting them to talk about special Christmas traditions from their own lives. Our students brought many smiles to a special group of people living at Atria. Dr. Graves spoke to the class about the special attributes of Senior Citizens and about the simple things we can do to show we love them.

More to Come....

3rd grade—Environment. 3rd grade will take a field trip to the Pacific Mammal Rescue Center and do a beach cleanup in Laguna Beach.

5th grade—Handicapped. 5th grade will visit Blind Children's Learning Center in Tustin and interact with young students. An Occupation Therapist will come to our school and help our students experience what life is like with certain handicaps.

7th grade—Tolerance. 7th grade will visit the Museum of Tolerance in L.A. They will work on a special project to share with the whole St. Cecilia school.