

Kannigaipair Minischool



The minischool started in the Perumal Temple, Kannigaipair on June 3rd, with three teachers. We followed proper COVID safety guidelines such as washing hands, social distancing, and wearing masks. Although we had expected around 20 to 25 students, more than 40 children came. We conducted classes ranging from LKG to 8th standard from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Asha provided several resources for the children, such as snacks and masks.

Struggles we faced:

The students often arrived at school around 8:30 AM so that they could play before the teachers came (to the temple) to conduct the classes. Because of the disturbance they caused while playing, the temple management forbade us from conducting the minischool in the temple. After this incident, we started to conduct the classes on the terrace of one of the teacher's homes. All was going well until the rainy season, when we were forced to relocate to another teacher's house. Even though the house was not spacious, we managed to continue with the classes.

Students Activities:



The students enjoyed the activities given by us. They did all their activities without fail which was very impressive. They learnt numbers using chart work and base ten blocks quite happily. We also gave worksheets to the students to take home. They would complete and eagerly look forward to the corrections.



They did many art and craft work in clay like fruits,vegetables,flags,insects and flowers. They even tried working on similar clay items in their homes. All the activities were done by the student on their own interest

Student Success:



Since the time covid started and with subsequent lockdown , a young boy currently in 4th grade had lost interest in reading and writing. He struggled initially at the minischool but soon became very interested in studies. He is now able to read Tamil very well and I am sure he will pick up English soon enough. He is able to solve Math sums easily as well and is very much interested in extracurricular activities. This is one of the success stories of the minischool.

Festival Celebrations:



In the minischool we celebrated a lot of festivals with enthusiasm . At first we celebrated the New Year by cutting a cake. The teachers collected money and bought a cake and we cut it for the students. After cutting the cake we conducted a small dance program.

For Pongal, we prepared for another dance program by making the students practice a week prior to the festivities . The dance was choreographed by a student of the minischool. The students were beautifully dressed and danced much to the delight of their parents.



Sports Day :

Later on we conducted sports day in our minischool. The students thoroughly enjoyed it. We conducted lemon and spoon, running race, relay etc...We gave prizes to all the students.



Encouraged by the parents, some students who needed help came to attend both shifts of the mini school. Students eagerly asked for homework and completed the assignments without fail. They also came to the school quite regularly. This encouraged me and I enjoyed my time teaching the students.

The students loved the day Rajaram Sir came to visit. They enthusiastically answered his questions. Few of the parents also came to meet him, and thanked him for overseeing the minischool. It was quite a memorable day for everyone.