

A case-study of Nandhimangalam Mini-school students

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Mini-school at our home



We started our mini school on 3rd June 2020 in Nandhimangalam village at Nathiya teacher house. We started to go to all the children's home and ask their parents to send the children to our mini-school. At first 14 only children are coming to our mini-school from Nandhimangalam village. Government school students and private students both are came in our mini school. But studies level of both the children are almost same. We have challenge to develop the children level and their mind concept. But, children are didn't have much interest to come. As they have though like regular school. After few days of our class with different activities and teaching methods children's are curious about the next activity related to this concept each and every day taking the class.

Mini-school at outside of the school



After few days, Pudhucheri village children are also came to our mini-school. the children strength has been increased. the total strength of children is 30 from Class 1 to 8th . So, We decided to move to other place. Then we move on to outside of the school. It is very challenged to handle multi-level children from different classes at once. Because we take mini-schools for only 2 hours per day. So every day, we prepare then will take the class.

Preparation for teaching method

We prepared the time-table for the mini-school to focus all the subjects

**Monday - Tamil,
Tuesdays – English,
Wednesday – Maths,
Thursday - Science,
Friday – Computer, art & craft and Games, etc.,**

Asha given Worksheet to teach and recall the subject concepts. Also We used English and maths kits to teach. When Teaching lesson, we use various methods for every child to understand the concept clearly. We are friendly with children, so they can ask their doubts and express their thoughts on concepts with us without any fear.

we took the library books from Nanthimangalam school for reading practice in Tamil and English subjects. Every week on Monday, we given a task to each students from the class to tell the story with their own concepts. which is we showed the picture.

About students in our school :

One of the student in our mini school her name is Rezhma, she is studying 5th standard Tamil medium in PUPS Nandhimangalam supporting by Asha. she is brilliant and bold child. She like activity based learning. So she likes to come to this mini school and she learnt easily.

Sai, he is 6th standard studying in Vivekananda Vision CBSE School in katcur. He has more interest in doing science project. He regularly used to do science experiments by its own with the help of YouTube and google. We gave more confident to him to learn all the concept. After few days he leant well for all subject. But he wants to more concentrate in Tamil subject because he doesn't know to write and speak in Tamil. So we trained him for reading practice in Tamil.

I like to share one more student of Laksheetha. She is studying 4th standard in Vivekananda Matriculation Higher Secondary School. She doesn't like to write anything. She never done her homework. But she likes to drawing very much. She is very interested during any class activities. She wants to be in the 1st of completing the work.

Festivals and competitions



We celebrated many events in our mini-school such as Dance Competition, Fancy dress competition, Speech etc., and in sports such as Running Race, Kabaddi, kho kho, Frog Game, Hopscotch, etc.,

Also We celebrated some festival days also in our Nandhimangalam mini school.

Some of the activities done in our mini school

Tamil Subject:



We did many activities. Some of them I am sharing here. First We did reading practice and writing practice. After we took the lesson from the book. While taking the lesson we did an activity related to the content

We explain any one of the story from computer and ask them to create their own stories with their concepts like the one we showed. But the characters in the story should be same.

For 1st and 2nd standard children, we give two letter, three letter and four letter words in Tamil (uir mei ezhuthugal) as homework.

English:



We used Eureka and phonics kits available in Nandimangalam government school given by Asha.

Act drama in English:

We gave some random words to children. Students need to make their own sentence using this words and understand it. Then they should act the drama from the story they wrote. Draw a picture and describe it.

Maths:





We used Asha provided Maths kits of base ten blocks, Ganit mala, 4 and 7 pin abacus, judo block and fraction set. We used number cards for more activity in numbers. Leaf with Patten

Science:



We did various experiments in our mini-school. For lesson related experiments, we allow students to do their own science experiments and explain it in class. We will correct the mistakes, if student is explained wrongly. Some of the experiments done based on air weightage, egg in water, needle in water, Rainbow in CD etc., children Collect the plants from their own and they describe about it.

Art and Craft:

Every week on Friday we did art and craft activity , outdoor and indoor games.

