ADWMS NANDHIVARAM – MINI SCHOOL - A CASE STUDY



On September 3rd 2020 Miss.P.Bhuvaneshwari (Computer teacher) and I (P. Philomena) started our mini school. Initially 10 students from the primary section and 5 students from the middle section attended our classes. We did not get a suitable place to run our mini school. We requested the Head Mistress of ADWM School Nandhivaram to give us some space to start our Minischool. , She recommended our case to Mr.Elisha (English trainer at ADWMS school) He gracefully accepted and allowed us to start our classes on the terrace of the building. Except during rains we managed to run the school in the terrace successfully.

.The goal of this NGO "ASHA FOR EDUCATION" was to enhance the learning ability of the students in these difficult times. Pandemic situations forced us to find alternative ways of teaching, It can be online or through Government TV channels. But for online or TV gadgets are a must. Buying mobile phones and Television Sets are not affordable by the parents

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Since online teaching also has many such constraints to overcome, we started mini schooling in a known teacher's premises. We started with basics. Because of the long gap most of the students had forgotten letters and

words.TLM helped us recap concepts taught previously.





We used ELF kit, Based 10 blocks, Abacus, Ganith mala given by ASHA, It helps kids to learn easily. Then we used the computer to teach addition, subtraction for primary kids. We used audio, music and drama methods to teach our students. They also attended with full interest. We practiced giving homework and worksheets to the students. Thus the parents sent the children to our minischool with great interest and joy as they came to know what their children were learning.









We are doing science based things in our daily life. So, We taught the students through simple experiments to realize them. And Weekly once students learned craft ideas. "Asha" provided the materials for making the handcrafts which was very useful for the students.







CELEBRATIONS

Another highlight was the Independence day celebration. Our school(H M) Mrs. Prameela, teachers and some students enthusiastically participated in flag hoisting. Then we distributed sweets for them . We celebrated Christmas , on that day we cut the cake.





We also did oral and written assessment with the help of (Asha teachers Mrs.Mary and Mrs. Kalaiselvi) in ADWM school nandhivaram.





Unfortunate drop Out

A fifth grade student was sent to work in a shop by his parents without being sent to school due to the economic downturn at home due to corona. His one day wage was one hundred rupees. When I met the parents, they told me that one hundred rupees a day would be a great help for their family expenses. They said that they would send it when the school opened.

END OF THE CASE STUDY

he schools were closed due to Corona. parents were very happy to support our school since they felt that it was beneficial for the children to attend a mini school through our Asha. Students who once were reluctant to go to regular school, have now started

coming happily and eagerly to the mini school.

My experience of running this mini school is highly gratifying. I had the

opportunity to make a difference in the young minds through this mini school.

Thank you

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