

## Pandur mini school



### My school:

I started my mini school in the month of August last year at my home. Only a few students came at first here. I went to all the houses and invited the students. I made their parents aware of the corona and told them that their children's study should not be stopped. I impressed on them the importance of education. Then the parents who realized them promised to send them willingly.

At first I was afraid to start in my hometown. I wondered if it would cause corona infection in children. And at the same time in Asha we know how important education is to students, We also know that education should be given to poor students. This is because private school enrolls students through online classes. But there is no such facility for government school students. Some government teachers with a helpful attitude only use WhatsApp to go on with education and some with smartphones join. Even so, owning phone is still beyond the reach of the average child. Because of the Internet problem, the lack of money to recharge the Internet poor parents could not provide such a facility. So Asha Trust thought of a mini school concept to address such grievances. The Asha Trust has approved the opening of a school in my hometown with the lofty goal that not only schools that help, but education for all is now essential. **"Teaching is a Charity"**

So I wanted to get as much education infrastructure as I could in my hometown. To overcome the fear, we arranged proper security, with students seated at intervals, wearing masks, using Sanitiser mats etc all of which were given to the students with the help of Asha and thus started the Pandur Mini School in August.



## **Attendance of students:**

Initially ten students came. Later more than 30 students came during the day. While some students became interested, some because they could spend more time away from home, some because we served snacks , some out of curiosity , some for playing games and so on.They joined our mini school for a variety of reasons.



## **Education and activity:**

Students came to school in the morning and sat away from each other leaving a gap. They were taught reading or writing, used maths kits, reading aloud three letters word or side words, use ELF kits, map, read Tamil or English story.All these took one hour. I split the class into three groups. One was from KG to 1st standard students. Second was from 2nd to 5th standard students and third one was from 6th to 8th standard students. I taught the lesson according to their level. Asha trust distributed worksheets to students at their level. I monitored and corrected the worksheets. I used the kanith mala, Base ten block, Judo blocks, Spiked Abacus for maths and I used the ELF kits, Sentence builder, Boggle kit for English. These are used for Our children to learn quickly. Weekly once we did art and craft

work with children. Some of the students watched that video in their home and taught it to other students and they brought their creativity. Students who initially came for a reason like this were interested in studying during the course of the day.



## **Assessment:**

Asha Trust is not merely satisfied with just starting the School but wants to see how it works, how the teachers are performing and how the students improve their skills. To see these things our Asha coordinator Mr. Rajaram sir visited our mini school monthly once.



Over the course of the day I started the WhatsApp group and sent all the activities, tests and worksheets done by the students to the group. They were welcomed by their parents.

Asha conducted an oral assessment in our school in November. Mrs Sophiya conducted



that oral assessment.



From this oral assessment I could know the students' level. I conducted a written assessment from 2nd std to 8th std students only to give a paper in English and Tamil in April.



## **Festivals celebration:**

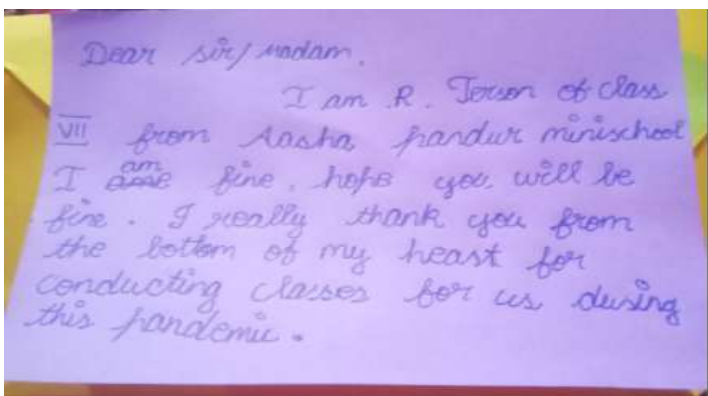
We did a great job with the **Pongal Festival** at our Pandur Mini School. We held all the competitions. For students dance, play, and speech, Parents also contributed to this. Somehow the father of a student made the Radio set without buying anything. Some parents helped to make sugar pongal and kolam. The students brought the necessary items from their home to hold the sports competitions. I used my money to buy snacks and snacks box to give to our students. They ate sakkarai pongal in a happy mood and finished the pongal festival. They also celebrated the **Christmas Festival** with Art and

Craft. Not only that but if any of the students had his or her **Birth**day, we all made a greeting card together. We bought cake for the students and we celebrated their birthdays. They were very happily.



## End of our mini school:

Initially students came to the school from different towns. Then they were forced to move to the city. They went without option. Some parents came to my house to see that the mini school was going well and asked their children to take classes. I was so happy. Some days it was rainy. At that time our mini school closed. Otherwise our mini school was going very smoothly. During the day i.e. in April they could not send their children to class due to too hot a sun. So we closed our mini school on april 16th. At the end of the last day we celebrated the annual day. Below the greeting card for Asha co-ordinator Mr.Rajaram sir. I thank to Asha and you sir for the oportunity and support our village mini school.



Thank you  
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