

## **Site visit report of Kottur Primary school - 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**

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I am helping the primary children in the kottur school in the afternoon session from June onwards. I regularly assess the primary children and focus my attention on the ones who are lagging behind. 16 children from kottur gypsy colony are regularly attending the primary school.

### **Class 1 and 2**

I help the class 1 and 2 children to recognize English alphabets, tamil alphabets, numerals 1 to 100. They are taught rhymes in Tamil and English and they are always happy to recite them to me. The children are coming regularly to school Monday to Friday. They like to work together and help each other when one has difficulty.

Kavitha and Visali are slow to pick up. They are putting in effort to learn. Sivasakthi is over enthusiastic and he needs special techniques to make him learn and not trouble other students.



On Fridays in the afternoon, activity class is conducted. Children are encouraged to do vegetable, fruit, picture puzzles and clay modelling, drawing or making shapes using sponge pieces. All children including 1<sup>st</sup> standard are enthusiastic, interested in making shapes on their own.



### Classes 3 to 5

Class 3 to 5 are able to read and write Tamil words and passages. In English, they are able to read, identify 3 letter and 4 letter words, match pictures with words. They learn maths addition, subtraction, multiplication and division daily. They are always eager to do work sheets in maths.

Charts for alphabets in English and tamil, Numbers, small words in English and tamil are available to help children learn better. Number blocks help in learning maths. Lot of visual and activity aids are helping children to learn in more effective way.

Teachers, Uma and Sridurga are taking immense interest in teaching the children. When some students are absent, they make a visit to the colony to explain their parents and make children attend school.

Long school holidays make them forget some alphabets, words and concepts they already learnt.. Teachers are again revising the fundamentals to bring them upto date. Since home environment is not conducive for learning, teachers are putting extra effort in making children learn the fundamentals.



I find the classes interesting and children are finding learning fun and they are eager to attend school. Teachers encourage boldness and communication by asking each child to answer the questions orally in a friendly way.