

## **SOCIETY OF GRAMA VIKASA SARADI: KOVILAPALEM**

### **Quarterly report (October to December 08) on Education programme**

#### **The festivals at GVS School**

The dark New moon (Amavasya) night of October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was lit up with oil lamps to usher in the Festival of Lights, Diwali. At our School, the preparations to celebrate began early in the day itself. Around this time, the children and staff of the school had a Diwali blast. On the day of Diwali, the teachers and students recreated the occasion by lighting up diyas. After five days our students all together went to the fields with teachers and the parents to celebrate Nagulachavithi (traditional snake festival).

On 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2008 they celebrated Chacha Nehru's birthday as Children's Day at our schools. Children did role plays for fun, and they all participated in games after lunch.

#### **Computer**

On 26<sup>th</sup> of October 08 Mr.Kiran and Mr.Santhoshkumar from Visakhapatnam donated a computer for our school. We are teaching basic computer knowledge to the children from November onwards.

#### **School uniforms**

In the mid of December 08 we gave school uniforms to the students, we took 60 meters of shirt cloth and 50 meters of pant cloth for the uniforms.

#### **Trainings**

Once in a month there was a two days teachers training programme at our Kovilapalem School conducted by coordinator Prabhavathi on teaching methods and subject enhancement. Class wise work review and lesson plans were done during the training period. We conducted three teachers training programs for our three teachers at Kovilapalem School for this quarter on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December 08.

From 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of December 08 coordinator Prabhavathi attended a 4 days teachers training programme at Samata office. This training programme was mainly focused on Waldorf education system and Basics of education for classes up to 4<sup>th</sup>. Christina from Germany was the resource person for this training programme. This training was very useful for us.

## Coachings

One student from class VII, three students from class VI, and three students from class V are preparing for Navodhaya entrance examination at Kothakota. Those seven children were sent to Kothakota Novodhaya coaching center in 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November 08 under supervision of GVS.

One student from class V, one student from class VI and six students from class VII are preparing for Hindi Nagaribodh examination with the help of our teacher Balamani. This examination will be conducted in the end of March 09.

## Class VII

Every year GVS send seven or eight students to VII class Board Examination to be held at Vaddahi through Seethayapeta Govt. High School. This year also seven students are going to write VII class Board Examinations at same place. In the middle of December GVS made arrangements (get concerned certificates, fees payment, photos etc.) for examinations.

## Examinations

By the end of October 08 we conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit examinations to the children, most of the children got good marks in these examinations. And Half-early examinations were also conducted by the end of December 08.

## Syllabus

Sl. No	Subject	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class V	Class VI	Class VII
1	Telugu	Alphabets, read and write	Gunitham, Vothulu, Dwithwalu, Sumyukthalu, words 3 songs and days of the week	3 poems, 2 stories and 4 lessons as per lesson plan	Lessons 9 completed as per lesson plan from the text book	2 lessons from poetry 3 lessons from prose	3 lessons from poetry and 3 lessons from prose. Kavayithri Molla from Non-detail
2	English	Alphabets and small words	Words, numbers in words, rhymes,	Vocabulary, 4 stories, 6 rhymes, 10 sentences, 1 to	5 lessons completed as per lesson	3 poems and 3 lessons	5 lessons and 1 poem

		practice	days of the week, months, our leaders.	100 in words	plans		
3	Maths	25 to 50 numbers and even and odd numbers, reading up to 100	Tables up to 3, additions, ascending, shapes, and up to 500 numbers	12 tables, fractions, measures and Indian currency	Dismals, geometry,	Profit and loss, algebra, geometry and trigonometry	Trigonometry
4	Science		Names of Vegetables, flowers	Our food, hygiene, houses, cloths	Water, preservative methods of veg. and fruits, cloths, houses, tools and machines	House and cloths, energy, machines	3 lessons from physical science, Human body, health and hygiene from NS
5	Social		Family, national leaders and temples	Ramudu, Pandavulu, festivals, forests and agriculture in AP	3 lessons from Geography 8 lessons from History, 9 lessons from civics	Africa and Europe from geography, 4 lessons from History, 2 lessons from Civics, and importance of Economics	South and North America from geography, 4 lessons from History on Indian history, 11 lessons from civics, 2 lessons from Economics
6	Hindi					Alphabets and small words	7 lessons from text book

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

The School ensures the participation of each student in various extra-curricular activities, such as, maintaining garden in the school premises, and they made their school premises beautiful with some ornamental plants and vegetable garden. To inculcate sporting spirit, each student is encouraged to participate in various sports. The school ensures provision of the required facilities for the sports activities.

As a part of moral education, recitation of Slokas from the Bhagvad Gita, reading the teachings from the scriptures of all religions and the speeches of our great leaders, and singing of patriotic songs, form a part of the daily prayers. Drawing, painting, origami and knitting classes are taught once in a week to the children. On every Saturday, students are doing sramadhana program such as cleaning their classrooms, school premises and patch up work on near by paths and two small streams. Kolatam, the activity, which is very important to the children for physical exercise and coordination of mind and body parts, is done as every day basis.

### **Exposure Visits**

Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem school children, teachers and some of the parents went to Gorlova reservoir for picnic on 16<sup>th</sup> of November 08. Gorlova is located in between those two villages, and in between two hills. It is near to the forest and they spent whole day there with lots of fun and joy. Teachers explained them history of Gorlova, and uses of the reservoir. That is a great exposure for all of them. They learned a lot from that exposure visit.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of January 09 children and teachers of GVS School and some of the parents went to Visakhapatnam for another exposure. Those children had never been to Visakhapatnam, so they were very curious about the city. At last they went to the city, first they went to Ramakrishna beach, they had never seen the sea, so first they were terrified to see gigantic waves and after a while they played a lot with the tides. After an hour we took them to the Visakha Museum, some of our students wrote notes about Indian Navy, history, and culture from museum, then we took them to Balamitra Model School (Samata NGO), Sagarnagar, and students interacted with each other for an hour, then we took them to Indhira Gandhi Zoological Park, children enjoyed a lot to see animals. We finally took them to Kilasagiri, they spent an hour and then they returned back to their villages. This is a wonderful experience for all of them.

### **Nutrition / Health**

Health is of topmost priority at our school as ever. The students are closely monitored for deficiencies and adequate steps taken on a regular basis to ascertain the well-being of the children. Details of vaccination and statistical records are maintained periodically.

As a part of nutrition, we are giving eggs to the children at 11.00 am every five days a week.

We served eggs to the Kovilapalem School for 42 children until the end of last academic year. From June 08 onwards we are serving eggs also to Gadabapalem School for another 20 children. Parents of the children formed as committees for looking after this nutrition program.

Serving boiled vegetables and leafy vegetables twice in a week for which we are getting vegetables from our kitchen garden. Yoga is being taught as a subject, it is going on a regular basis.

29<sup>th</sup> of October 08 we gave tablets (albendazole 400mg) to the children for de-worming.

### **Meetings**

GVS team is regularly conducting parents and School Committee meetings once in a month for discussing about progress and problems of the school.

**Adult Education:** GVS teachers and educated village youth at Kovilapalem are conducting classes for illiterate people. 20 women and 4 men come every day for these classes.

### **Visitors**

Mr.Ravi Mandoli and his sister Seema Mandoli from Asha for education along with Mr. Venkatesh from Bangalore and Mr.Warner from Germany made a visit on 29<sup>th</sup> December 08, and had been to both the schools (Kovilapalem and Gadhabapalem).

Mr.Kiran and Mr.Santhoshkumar from Visakhapatnam visited GVS School on 26<sup>th</sup> of October 08.

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