

SOCIETY OF GRAMA VIKASA SARADI: KOVILAPALEM
Education Programme (Asha Knoxville and New River Valley)
Quarterly (July to September 08) report on U.P.School at Kovilapalem

In the month of July 08 students were adjusted with their teachers, new classes and their lessons. During the month of July all of our teachers and students were made their school premises beautiful with variety of ornamental plants and vegetable plots as part of Farming and Environmental Education classes. All of our children able to sing more than seven English rhymes which Julia Albertini taught.

In the first week of August 08 conducted first Unit Test Examinations to the children as first assessment. Third week of the September 08 conducted Quarterly examinations. On 6th September 08 distributed old cloths in our schools to the children which was collected by our team.

Independence Day

Date: 15th August 2008

Independence Day Celebrations at Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem Schools

For the children of these Schools 15th August, the Indian Independence Day was a day of festivity. They were ready early in the morning and lending a hand to fixing up the flagpole and decorating it. And they were in their holiday best.

Grand old man and freedom fighter Sri DAN Raju did the flag hoisting. . There was unison in the voice that sang the National Anthem as the flag was hoisted.

Ramana welcomed the gathering of children, staff and guests, and he gave a short brief on the history of GVS and its activities. Balamani, our teacher took over from him and conducted the day's events meticulously. She gave the audience a peep into the tribal people's contribution to the freedom struggle. The involvement of the tribal people lacks mention in the history books of the country and her short but concise description went down well with the audience. The children were all ears as they got an insight into the role of their ancestors in the struggle for freedom.

Singing is a way of life with the tribal people and, the children were as usual ready with their songs with the harmony in their voices as always a thing to reckon with. It was an exciting day for the children, which ended with an evening of sports activities at the school premises.

Volunteer

Kattumuri Lakshmi from Anakapalli have visited our GVS U P School on 10th July for two days. She was very much impressed by our school and villagers. She taught Science to the higher classes, she was very familiar with maths and she taught maths to the higher classes from July to August 08. Our children were very happy with her.

Training

Once in a month there was a two days teachers training programme at 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. Prabhavathi and Balamani (one of the teacher at Kovilapalem) has been very often at Gadabapalem School alternatively for train the teacher.

Students Information

Kovilapalem

Class	Boys – Girls		Total
Class I	5	7	12
Class II	2	1	3
Class III	1	6	7
Class IV	--	--	---
Class V	3	3	6
Class VI	1	3	4
Class VII	3	5	8
Total			40

Gadabapalem

Class I	7	7	14
Class II	2	4	6
Total			20

Now our two schools strength is

Kovilapalem	-- 40
Gadabapalem	-- 20

Total	60

Curricular activities

Sl. No	Subject	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class V	Class VI	Class VII
1	Telugu	Alphabets	Gunitham, Vothulu, Dwithwalu, Sumyukthalu and 3 Poems	5 poems, 4 lessons completed as per lesson plan	Lessons 6 completed as per lesson plan.	2 lessons from poetry story and letter. Grammar	3 lessons from poetry and 2 lessons from phrase.
2	English	Alphabets and small words	Words, numbers in words	Vocabulary Months, birds, and vehicles	7 lessons completed as per lesson plans	My class and bus stop lessons, boys and girls, animals and birds poetry lessons	Dolphin, Olympic games and over craft from phrase and swing lesson from poetry.

3	Maths	1 to 24 numbers and even and odd numbers	1 to 300 numbers, place values, tables up to 3, additions.	1000 numbers, place values, four process, up to 8 tables	Divisibility, measures	Numbers 10000 Place values, expended and short forms, measures, divisibility.	Four process word problems and Trigonometry
4	Science			Human body, uses of air, pollution	Human body, health and hygiene	Two lessons as per lesson plan	Indian scientists, measures. Air, water and atmosphere from PS. Human body, health and hygiene from NS
5	Social			The Earth, contents and oceans, land and water, our country India. The early man from History	The earth, solar system, eucalypts for geography. World time	The earth, water, continents and oceans from Geography. 2 lessons from History	Atmosphere, water, and North America, India A.D.8 to 13 century, Indian constitution

Extra Curricular Activities

The School ensures the participation of each student in various extra-curricular activities, such as, maintaining garden in the school premises. 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 doing by every day basis. All of our children are able to do kolatam with 12 songs.

Exposure Visits

Gadabapalem school children took to the Kovilapalem School on 27th August 08. All together spent their time in and outside the classes. That is a great exposure for both of them. They learned a lot from that exposure visit. The Kovilapalem villagers served food

for them with love. Some of the parents also came with the children. They exchange their views and thoughts.

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 to Gadabapalem School also 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, which we are getting vegetables from our kitchen garden. Yoga is being taught as a subject, it is going on a regular basis.

Meetings

GVS team is regularly conducting parents and School Committee meetings once in a month for discussing about progress and problems of the school and also conducting two meetings in a month with School staff for work review and lesson plan.

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.

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