SOCIETY OF GRAMA VIKASA SARADI: KOVILAPALEM

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Quarterly report (January to March 09) on Education programme

Teachers training

A teacher can teach properly to his/her students, when he/her has good orientation, motivation, guidance and planning on subject and time. Our teachers needed planning and time management for next four months. So they went for training to Samata Organization (Balamitra Education programme) on 20th of January 09. This teachers training session commenced from 20th to 25th of January 09. They participated and interacted (shared experiences) with other Balamitra teachers in this training programme. After this training session our teachers' team geared up their next month's lesson plans. This training and exposure made them strong and planned in their subjects.

Once in a month there were two days teachers training programme at our Kovilapalem School conducted by coordinator Prabhavathi on teaching methods and subject enrichment. Class wise work assessment and lesson plans were done during the training period. We conducted three teachers training programs during the three months period at Kovilapalem School for our teachers.

Changes

Balamani, one of our Kovilapalem school teachers was shifted to GVS community work from January 2009. K.Laksmi was replaced instead of Balamani's, she is a Post Graduate and experienced, she is very well in Maths and English.

The festivals at GVS School





In the month of January children had ten days holidays for Sankranthi festival, children of GVS School ornamented their school even during their holidays for the festival and they lit up a holy fire (Bhogi Manta) in the school premises on the day of festival.

In the month of March 2009 another festival; Ugadhi (Telugu New Year starts from this festival) was celebrated in this village on 25th to 27th of March 2009. This is the main festival for this village. All children, teachers and villagers participated in this festival with joyfulness. During this occasion we conducted competitions on Rangoli (Form Drawing), songs, and dance with the children at our school premises.

On 26th of January 09 teachers, children and parents celebrated Republic Day festival. Parents, Vidhya Committee members, and some other guests participated in this program.

Syllabus:

Teachers prepared lesson plans up to the middle of the March 2009 for class VI and VII. They completed their syllabus within time frame for class VI and VII. From mid of the March all the lessons are being revised with the students of class VI and VII until their annual examinations complete. Class VII annual examinations (Board Examinations) will be started from 8th of April 2009 at Vaddadhi Government School, which is 50 Km from Kovilapalem School. Rest of the classes are still going on as per their prepared lesson plans.

Gadabapalem teacher Lakshmi was back to school from her maternity leave (she went on maternity leave from October 2008 to February 2009). Only class I and II are there at Gadabapalem School, this teacher also prepared lesson plans with the help of one of our Kovilapalem teachers and she is also within time frame with lesson plans.

Computer: Children of GVS School are still learning basics of computer; some are geared up with word document, painting. Some of the children are not able catch up with the computer basics.

Extra Curricular Activities:





Class V, VI and VII are growing a garden (vegetables like tomatoes, brinjal, Benda etc., and flower plants like rose, marigold and some other ornamental plants) around the school. Each student adopted some plants and are looking after them with care. Now the water crisis is going on in this area, every day children collect water from village bore well which is far from the school and water the plants, protect them from animals by fencing the garden. Now children are contented by the result of their hard work and are enjoying with vegetables and flowers, which are growing in the garden.

They are learning new rhythms and steps in Kolatam activity. Games, sports and craft works are as usual.

Coachings

Eight students (one student from class V, one student from class VI and six students from class VII) were prepared for Hindi Nagaribodh examination with the help of our former teacher Balamani and the examination was held on 5th of March 2009 at Anakapalli town which is 35 km from the school.

Class VII

Every year GVS send seven or eight students to VII class Board Examination to be held at Vaddahi through Seethayapeta Government High School. This year seven students are going to write VII class Board Examinations at the same place. By the mid of December GVS made arrangements (get concerned certificates, fees payment, photos etc.) for examinations. Now they are getting ready for writing Board Examinations in mid of April 09. This time they got examination center at Vaddadhi Government High School.

Examinations

By the end of February 2009 we conducted 4th Unit examinations for the children, and most of the children got good marks in this examination. Weekly tests are going on for classes VI and VII.

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.

We are 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.

On 10th of January 2009 we conducted a pulse polio programme in our school premises and on 26th of February 2009 children had a single dose tablets for deworming.

Meetings





GVS team is regularly conducting parents and School Vidhya Committee meetings once in a month for discussing about progress, problems of the school and decides nutrition committee in this meeting.

Former Students

This is the examination time, so we have to warm up our former students' for better result that's why we gathered an entire group of our former students at end of the January 2009, interacted and shared their experience with each other in this get together. This can be useful for their career. The first batch of students from our school wrote Intermediate second year (final) examinations successfully from 2nd march 2009 at Anakapalli and other places.

Survey

Our team conducted a survey for dropout children at our field area for 11 villages, out of which we found 21 dropout children in 6 villages. The information is as follows:

1. Totakurapalem	7
2. Guddipa	2
3. Tattabanda	4
4. Baljipalem	1
5. Boorugupalem	6
6. Dasaradhipalem	1

Now we are going to conduct meetings with parents, existing Vidhya committees and formation of new Vidhya committees where ever necessary for the above problem. We are also preparing children and their parents for continuing their studies in the next academic year through counseling.

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