

## **Aspiration Group Report**

### **October 2013 to March 2014**



The Mango group was renamed the 'Aspiration group' and consists of twelve children in the age group of 7-8. The renaming brought about a lot of excitement and provided the children with an opportunity to aspire for higher ideals. All the children in the group are not only responsible but also organized, friendly and cooperative, both with the group diwas as well as with each other. Though Maths and English is a favourite subject with many of them, they also like to read Hindi books in the library.



**Art:** - Though both boys and girls are encouraged to dance, only the girls seem to be open to dancing. The group is also keen to learn fresh songs and enjoy music immensely. On the other hand the boys want to try their hand at making toys and boats. The children also enjoy drawing pictures of the village and nature. After drawing anything, they are keen to have their work displayed. The children enjoy also enjoy drama.



## **Project work**

During the last few months the children have worked on a few topics and they enjoyed working on them. Some of these topics are:

### **Time**

The aim of taking up time as a project was to understand it better so that work could be carried out on time and in the process the children would learn to value the significance of keeping to time while they undertake any work.

What was done :

They children were asked to write and draw pictures about what they did from morning to night. They were introduced to a.m and p.m as well as minutes, seconds, hours and a calendar. The group also observed shadows and watched the change



from morning to afternoon to evening . They were also made to understand how time moved from hours to minutes and seconds as well as from days to weeks to months and finally an entire year.

## **Measurement**

The aim was that the children should understand measurement. They were told about different ways of measuring. Centimetres, metres, feet, inches, kilometres etc were also taught to them. These concepts were also put forth by explaining how a tailor would measure the cloth before stitching a dress or how the vegetable vendor always measures and then sells the vegetables.

The children then measured all the items in their classrooms like pencils, boxes, chairs, tables, crayons, books, notebooks with a scale. The children were also asked to measure the various display boards and the verandas in the school and this was really exciting for them.



## **Money**

Money was also introduced to the group through coins and notes. However, they took some time to completely understand how to use money properly.

One of stories that came up in the group:



There was a house inside the water and a family of fish lived in the house. One day as the fish children entered their house they were in for a surprise. Inside their home

was a bunny rabbit crying, while the mother was trying to feed it. As the bunny rabbit saw the fish babies come in, he jumped around in joy. They became good friends and the fish children taught the bunny rabbit swimming.

**Games:** - Some children like football while the others want to play other fun games or just enjoy cycling. They also enjoy gymnastics very much. Amongst the indoor games they enjoy puzzles and blocks.



*We hope that all the children in this group continue to strive, seek and aspire for higher goals and ideals.*



