

Get Inspired!

Literacy Adventure 2018-19



Is there a problem in your community that you would like to help make better? Learn more about it by reading, volunteering, and teaching others. See the list at the back of this packet for service ideas.

Students may work with other students since service is more fun with friends. To earn credit for this Academic Adventure, each student will turn in his/her own Service Project Resources and Service Project Plan. Projects to teach others may be done in groups. Families are welcome to participate!

Read and/or listen to a variety of viewpoints about a problem that interests you. Why is this an important problem? What are people doing about it? How can people help?

To earn Academic Adventure credit and a ribbon for Literacy, simply follow these five steps.



Step 1

Choose a problem in your community that you would like to help make better.

Step 2

Read, interview people, and/or watch videos about the problem so you know more about it.

Step 3

Make your plan and volunteer at least one hour of your time to help with the problem.

Step 4

Choose one of the attached *Get Inspired!* projects to complete.

Step 5

Turn in the completed *Get Inspired!* packet and project to the Office on or before **Friday May 3** to receive credit for the Literacy Adventure.

Questions? Email academicadventure@enataiptsa.org



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Get Inspired! Service Project Research

Your Full Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

If you are in Grade K-2, do your best to fill out the report in your handwriting. K-2 students may ask an adult to help write their answers. Adventurers in grades 3-5 should complete the report in their own writing. If you need more space, you can write on the back of any of the pages.

Research the Problem

List where you got your information, also known as sources. Sources of information include books, newspapers, internet blogs, magazine articles, movies, television shows, television news, social media, and personal interviews. *Talk with an adult about what makes a source reliable.* Gather information from at least 3-5 sources. You may write on the back of this page if you have more than five sources.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Did the sources have the exact same information or did you learn something new from each of the sources? _____

Describe at least one thing that you didn't know before or that surprised you about the problem.

With your research completed, use the following page to make your Service Project Plan.



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Get Inspired! Teach Others

Now that you know more about something in the community that needs service from volunteers, inspire other people to help by teaching them what you learned. Choose one of the following projects as your teaching tool. Be sure to include your name, teacher's name and grade somewhere on your project.

- Ask a friend or an adult to take a photograph of you while volunteering. Print the photo, paste it on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper and include a short description of why you chose this project, how you felt after your project, what you learned and how other people can also help.
- Draw/paint/collage a picture of the problem and what people are doing to help.
- Write a fictional story or poem about the problem today and how the future might look when people find a solution to it.
- Make a 24"x36" poster that creates awareness of the problem and tells other people what they can do to help. You can use pictures, words, or a combination of both to help get your message out. For someone looking at the poster who doesn't know about the problem, answer the basic questions of: Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

When you are all finished, turn your completed

- 1) *Service Project Resources & Service Project Plan* (the two sheets in this packet)
- 2) *Get Inspired! Teach Others* project of your choice

All materials are due by Friday, May 3 in the Office to get credit for the Literacy Adventure.

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Community Service Project Ideas

Below is a list of ideas to help you get started. You may also choose your own project.

Help Animals

- Donate your time to the local Humane Society or collect pet food to donate.
- Make bird feeders to hang in your yard or possibly at school (ask your teacher).

Help the Environment

- Plant trees on your own or through an organization like Mountains to Sound Greenway.
- Make posters to encourage people to walk to school instead of drive.
- Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event.
- *Pick up garbage around the neighborhood or at a park.



Help at Your School or Neighborhood

- Volunteer for a PTSA event.
- Make birthday cards for the elderly or veterans.
- *Practice random acts of kindness.
- Form a study group to help younger kids with their school work.
- Tutor a student that needs help learning English or some other subject.
- *Clean a neighbor's yard that cannot do it themselves.
- *Adopt a "grandfriend" in your neighborhood
- Visit a nursing home (talk, listen, play games, read a book)
- *Rake leaves for other people.



Help Programs that Help People

- Volunteer to serve food at a local homeless shelter or soup kitchen.
- Knit or crochet baby blankets to give to Eastside Baby Corner in Issaquah.
- *Collect clothes, books, or old toys, clean them up, repair them and donate them.
- Conduct a canned goods drive during an event and donate items to a local food bank.
- Make "I Care" kits with combs, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc. for homeless people.
- Deliver a care package with mittens, socks, T-shirts, etc. for a child at a homeless shelter.

*Projects that have been successful in at other elementary schools