

Filling the Pantry with Colors

Pack Assorted Colors for Kids

A Character Education Partnership Promising Practice
Don Earl Early Childhood Center
Arnold, Missouri

Focus on Principles 3, 5, 7 and 10 (of CEP 11 Principles): Provides students with opportunities to integrate core values into academic lessons through moral action, which supports intrinsic motivation and connections to the community.
Grade Level: PreK



This project took the concept of service learning and adapted it to be developmentally appropriate for preschool children. During the P.A.C.K. (Pack Assorted Colors for Kids) month of October, each week was assigned a color. During that week, students learned about that color, wore that color, and brought in a boxed/canned food item of that color to donate to the Arnold Food Pantry. In addition to color recognition, teachers also integrated this project into the curriculum with math concepts

like more/less and graphing donations, as well as healthy eating. The staff also took the month to speak to their classrooms about where the food was going and the people it was going to help. At the end of the month, the staff from the Arnold Food pantry drove to the school, and students were able to load their donations onto the van, and speak to the staff. The initial inspiration for this practice is the "P.A.C.K. Week" nutrition program created by Fruits and Veggies More Matters.

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