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Title: Cloth Napkins: One for You, One for Me!

Stacy Lancour, third grade teacher at CLK Elementary, spearheaded a Service Learning project for the entire 3rd grade class titled, "One for Me, One for You." The students decorated two reuseable cloth napkins; one for themselves and the second to give to senior citizens at the holiday dinner provided by Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) on December 25 at Sacred Heart Church in Calumet.

Cathy Aten, Volunteer/Program Coordinator from LBFE met with third grade students Friday, December 16th to talk about the purpose of Little Brothers and the needs of the elderly, and volunteer opportunities that are available to students and adults. Aten's presentation was followed by a third grade community chili lunch that was shared with several senior citizens. A waste free lunch was served in the classrooms which were festively adorned with cloth tablecloths, table decorations, and other seasonal touches. The students used the occasion to present their handmade napkins to LBFE.

Students decorated the cloth napkins to use at school or home as a sustainable alternative to disposable napkins. Students made one for themselves and one for an elder from Little Brother's Friends of the Elderly to be distributed during their holiday dinner.

The cloth napkin designs reflected themes that students are learning about in Social Studies and Science, such as: reduce, reuse, recycling, trees, water, wildlife, human impact, Great Lakes, and more. In social studies lessons, students examined natural and human characteristics of Michigan as well as important agricultural crops and Michigan products and companies. Students also study how they can make a difference in their community.

The napkin project reinforce lessons learned through the school-wide Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, which focuses upon creating and maintaining a garden plot for each class, in an effort to grow nutritious, organic food that saves energy and reduces pollution compared to food shipped to the Keweenaw from around the world. In addition, LSSI students look for ways to serve the local community, share what they've learned, and address stewardship concerns in the Lake Superior watershed.

Funding for this grant was provided by Learn and Serve - Michigan supported by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The Learn and Serve program funds and assists in the development of high quality service-learning programs in K-12 schools and in community-based organizations. Service-learning is a teaching and learning approach that connects meaningful service to the community with academic learning.

Learn more about the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative, visit: <http://lakesuperiorstewardship.org/>
Read about CLK Elementary school garden project, visit: <http://lakesuperiorstewardship.org/project-05.php>

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Above: After Aten's talk
Left: Lunch in the classroom



Above: Showing off napkins
Left: Napkins ready for LBFE

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