

Learning Center Open Windows

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Greetings Friends of Open Windows. We would like to share what Open Windows has been up to in April.



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Mayra

Scholarship Students

We currently have 46 students who receive middle and high school scholarships. The best grades this semester were achieved by these 5 students.

Mayra López has four brothers, and she is in her first year of high school studying to be a bilingual secretary. She enjoys learning about her chosen career, and she works hard to give good presentations to her class. Her favorite subject is shorthand writing, in which she has the best grade in her class. Her average grade is 91.

Yaqueline Chacón has two brothers. Her father has passed away and now her mother provides for them. She is in middle school, and she wants to complete her studies so she can support her family in future. Her average grade is 87.

Perla López Xulú is the eldest of seven siblings. She is in the her third year high school studying accounting. She is a dedicated student, and her favorite subjects are Math and accounting Her average grade is 90.



Yaqueline



Perla

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Manuel Contreras lives with his mother and three siblings. He is in his second year of high school, focusing his studies in electronics and microprocessors. He likes to apply what he learns in school in his daily life, and hopes his studies will give him better job opportunities. His average grade is 86.



Manuel



Byron

Byron Pérez lives with his mother and two siblings. He is in middle school, and dreams of owning his own business one day. That is why he works hard to get good grades. He has a generous spirit and volunteers at the Library during his free time. His average grade is 86.

Activities

This month we held several educational activities that supplemented the environmental curriculum that the children were learning at school.

We are currently recycling plastic bottles and other plastic refuse to construct a wall. The children are helping by bringing bottles, bits of nylon, plastic bags and other plastic items. After learning about recycling, they participate in competitions to see who can fill the most bottles with trash. It provides a good incentive to keep our environment clean.



We're recycling!



Recycling newspapers!



Learning to Use Sewing Machines

Marvin Hernández is in eighth grade and has been coming to the Library since he was in elementary school. In December of last year he participated in the sewing workshop that was held by four volunteers. What he learned in the workshop has helped him complete several craft projects for school, including making a blanket and a purse. This is an example of how the activities we hold in the Library can help the students later in school or in life.

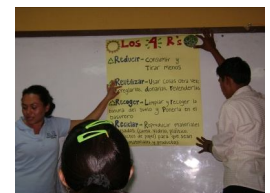


Marvin's sewing project

Those who practice what they learn can reach their dreams.

Earth Day Talk

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, the Youth Group attended a talk at the Instituto Nocturno Municipal. We discussed water conservation, global warming, and how to help our environment with the 3 Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle. The youths asked questions and shared their ideas about how to use water responsibly, and how to reuse materials like plastic water bottles in construction. Several handicraft items made from recycled materials were displayed, posters were made, and two of the youths gave power point presentations.



Lets talk about the environment



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How can you help?

\$ 4.00 Pays for the learning center for one month for one child

\$ 10.00 Pays for one new book for the library

\$ 100.00 Buys all the art and educational materials for one month of educational activities.

\$ 350.00 Pays one teacher's salary for a month

\$ 500.00 Pays for a one-year scholarship for a high-school student.

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Receiving music lessons!



Donation from Ossian Lutheran Supplies

Music Lessons

This month Mr. Sofío, an accomplished musician in the neighborhood, began giving a group of ten children music lessons.

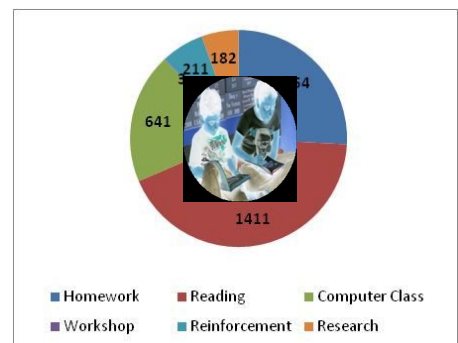
He is teaching them how to read and write music, breathing techniques and voice projection techniques.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the students attend his lessons with enthusiasm.

Donations:

Thank you to Ossian Lutheran Supplies of Iowa for your kind donation of school supplies, shoes, sporting equipment, and money. Thank you to the Ceballos family for the book donation.

April Statistics



Attendance: 1,042 boys and 1,325 girls