



Operation: Indoor Fun

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Operation Goody Bag "Spreading Kindness Across the Globe"

The Tale of the Goody Bag

In November 2003, a teacher was listening to the radio and she heard a woman asking for help. The woman was the Director of Recreation for American troops in Iraq, but recent budget cuts would mean fewer holiday treats for the soldiers.

The teacher knew she could help! She decided to have her amazing students decorate and color brown lunch bags and then fill them with candy, just like the goody bags kids get when they go to a birthday party! Today, Operation Goody Bag has shipped over 200,000 bags! Oradell students have now joined in the effort during their recess time to help reach the organization's goal of 250,000 bags!



"Making People Feel Good"

As part of Operation: Indoor Fun, hundreds of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students chose to volunteer to create goody bags. Space was limited, but almost every student who selected this activity on their choice cards was able to attend. Maddox, a 4th grade volunteer said, "We're making other people feel good." That's certainly the OPS spirit!

Inspiring Learners

Mrs. Roberta Kenyon, a 2nd grade teacher at OPS, runs the program for four action-packed weeks. As the faculty representative also in charge of student government, she is no stranger to community out-reach. "I thought it was an easy way to inspire our learners to

become active in the community," said Kenyon.

Students use their creative and artistic abilities during their time in the program. Kenyon stated, "Starting with Valentine's Day bags, students can create more bags based on their personal interests. Some of their other favorites have been drawing cartoon characters and patriotic symbols. To date, we've created 355 bags! The organization will stuff them with candy and other special treats once we're finished."

Giving Happiness

Isabella, a 4th grade student in Mrs. Goeller's class, exclaimed, "It was a good way to help soldiers and give them happiness. I'm enjoying making the letters and coloring the designs."

Isabella is just one example of all of the committed, enthusiastic students looking to help out a great cause!

