

# OLP 2nd Graders and H2O for Life

This year, the second graders participated in a Service Learning Project for H<sub>2</sub>O for Life. This is an organization that provides information about the global water crisis and provides financial assistance to a specific area of the world that needs clean water for daily living. Service Learning integrates community service with academic learning. We completed science, math, language arts, social studies, and religion lessons related to this goal.

We combined the fundraising part of this project with an activity we were already doing. Throughout the month of February, each student asked for pledges for meeting their February Pizza Hut Book-It Reading goal of 180 minutes. Students asked family members or friends to make a pledge for a designated amount. If the goal was met, the child was given a Pizza Hut coupon as proof of meeting the goal. The child used this coupon to ask the donor to honor the pledge.

On the back of the pledge sheet each child named one of the books that he/she read during this project and wrote a book report.

There was a celebration to culminate the project on Friday afternoon, March 4, 2011. As a class, the students added up their pledges, did some whole group/independent reading, and had a short prayer service for those we helped. The students participated in a very educational project and raised \$613.00 for H<sub>2</sub>O for Life.

