

OLP 1st Graders and PIC

The first graders team up with a group from the Columbus Zoo called Partners in Conservation (PIC). PIC's goal is to improve the chance of gorilla survival by helping preserve their habitat in the mountains of Rwanda. PIC is trying to help by educating people about the plight of gorillas and by assisting the people of Rwanda in improving their lives so they do not need to use the resources of the rainforest, and the gorillas' habitat is left for the gorillas.

Each year our first graders participate in a two part project. The first part of the project is called Project Knowledge. In this part the children are asked to create something for the people of Rwanda. In the past we have made word and counting flashcards, paper friends, and letters explaining the story of our names. Each May these items are taken to Rwanda by the PIC leaders from the Columbus Zoo. Part 2 is a pro-active project. For this part the children are asked to EARN money which is donated to help with special needs in Rwanda. In the past the money donated has been used to purchase seeds, goats and cows which provide children with milk, text books for elementary students, materials to make fuel efficient stoves, binoculars for the trackers who help to keep the gorillas safe, and much more.

During this project the students learn a great deal about Rwanda, friendship, gorillas and saving our world.



I earned money by washing the dishes and cleaning the back porch.



I earned money by helping with laundry and cleaning up the yard