

# Lesson Plan 3

## Title: Improving Our Community

Grade Levels: K-6

Subjects: Varied, Social Studies

Duration: few weeks to entire school year

### Goals:

To make students aware of problems and non-ideal situations in their own community. To let the students know that change can start with them and they can help to solve those problems. To help students connect with the diverse aspects of their community.

### Materials:

Paper, pen and ideas to begin with. Other materials vary as a plan of action is formed.

### Procedure:

Gather students around have them discuss and tell stories about concerns in their community. A great starting point to this is finding something you find concerning about the neighborhood in the news or paper and show are read the article to the class. Have a discussion session that spans several class periods calling out different concerns. Keep a list and after a few days review the list with the class. Let the class vote on which problem they would like to change. Have them form groups or work individually to brainstorm solutions to the problem that the class has chosen to approach. Collect the ideas from the groups or individuals and select a few of the most attainable solutions. Have the class vote on one of solutions as a plan of action. Depending on the grade level either you or the students then prepare a chart that lists a timeline for the plan as well as what money and man power is necessary. Finalize the plan and create a chart to have volunteers sign up for various tasks. Move forward and go through with the plan to bring a change to the community. You may want to publish your classes actions to get some of the community involved.

### Assessment:

Post before and after pictures of the task, as well as pictures of the students volunteering around the classroom, school, and maybe even the paper. Talk with or have the student write about how doing good in there community has made them feel. Also talk about the diverse group of people that will benefit from the good the students have done.