

MULTIAGE SERVICE LEARNING CLASSROOMS

2024-2025

Mrs. Danahy
Mrs. Doherty
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“Tell me, and I’ll forget.
Teach me, and I’ll remember.

Involve me, and I’ll learn.”

-Benjamin Franklin

Interested in joining the program?



Ideally, students enter the program in 4th grade. Interested families may submit a written request to our principal, Mrs. Rodriguez. Any student who is part of the program in 4th grade will remain in the program for 5th grade. Parents and students are encouraged to visit our classrooms to see if Service Learning is right for you!

Project themes we have worked on

- **Elderly in our Community** (Our Lady of Peace, Lewiston Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Hospice.)
- **Those in Need** (Community Missions, Niagara Falls Soup Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Care-N-Share Food Pantry.)
- **Helping Agencies** (UNICEF, The American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, American Cancer Society.)
- **Preserving the Environment** (The Niagara Falls Aquarium’s Beach Sweep, Community Spring Clean Up.)
- **Honoring our Past** (Local Veterans, US Servicemen and Women, Lewiston Historical Society.)
- **Those with Disabilities** (United Cerebral Palsy, Tourette’s Association of America, National Autism Association.)
- **Any many more!**

What it is

The **Service Learning** Classrooms at the IEC are comprised of 4th and 5th grade classrooms that focus on leadership, social awareness, and development through service learning. Our environment emphasizes students' abilities, talents, individual learning styles, and teaches empathy, compassion, problem solving, and real life skills. Students create, research, implement, and reflect on a variety of **Service Learning** projects in addition to the daily academic requirements of each grade level.

What to look forward to

- Family involvement
- Team Building & Collaboration
- Leadership skills
- Inquiry/Project Based Learning
- Student Social/Emotional growth
- Fun!

Benefits

Students involved in **Service Learning** as part of their learning curricular program gain in at least four areas: Self Esteem, Citizenship, Academic Skills, and Career Education.

- **Self Esteem:** Students earn a sense of empowerment by engaging in community service where they are needed, valued, and respected.
- **Citizenship:** Students learn that citizenship requires an actively engaged community life.
- **Academic Skills:** Students' desire to learn is heightened by their experience in community service. They learn connect the classroom experience with life in the community. Students learn the relevance of academic subject matter from science and mathematics to the social sciences and humanities. Students reflect on important moral and ethical issues.
- **Career Education:** Students directly experience real-world skills, critical thinking, communication, and problem solving.

How it works

- Mrs. Danahy and Mrs. Doherty co-teach the 4th grade following NYS curriculum
- Miss Khatib and Miss Nero co-teach the 5th grade following NYS curriculum
- Students in both classes gather to work on **Service Learning** projects
- 5th graders in the program serve as mentors to their 4th grade partners

IN OUR CLASSROOM

We Respect Others
We Try Our Best
We Create
We Are a Team
We Ask Questions
We Inquire and Research
We Help Others
We Celebrate Each Others' Success