









Heritage Christian School

## Teacher's Story

Kindergarten / Math FLEx

Storyline:

Get Curious

Throughlines:

Community Builders, Order Discovers

## Deep Hope: My deep hope is that we get curious about God's world and his word as we grow into lifelong learners.



We can be COMMUNITY BUILDERS by bringing smiles to the children at the hospital.

We can be ORDER DISCOVERS by sorting and counting coins.

**FLEx Story:** After studying the story of David and Goliath in the Bible, my student's curiosity was piqued...could they do big things to impact God's kingdom too? God needed David's help..who needs our help? What ways can we help?

We came up with a plan to buy books and toys for patients at Stead Family Hospital because our classmate, told us that sometimes he receives books and toys after a hospital procedure. We loved that idea but had a problem...we didn't have that much money...all we have is a few coins in our piggy banks. With the 100th day on the horizon could we collect 100 quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies and use that money to buy our books/toys? We extended an invitation to our friends and families. As 100th day was approaching we created coin drive posters. We hung them up around school and anxiously awaited for the 100th day of school! To our amazement we raised \$466.11 to buy books and toys for the Stead Family Hospital..Our classmate got to help make the announcement from his hospital room at Stead. After raising our funds it was time to go book shopping. Prairie Lights hosted a book shopping event for us to come in and pick our books. At the end of the night I left with 2 huge bags fulls of books!The final part of our F.L.Ex project was signing our names for book labels and praying for the boys and girls who would receive them.



Real Work: Counting coins and buying books Real Need: To make the hospital not so scary Real People: Patients at the Children's Hospital

**Teacher Reflections:** As their teacher I was proud of their efforts and learning that happened during their FLEX: coin identification, history of the coins, counting by 5's and 10's to make dollars, and thinking of others' wants when book shopping. We also learned that when a task seems too big for one person we always ask for help! Indeed they do know that little people can do big things for God's kingdom and that when we include others in our ideas HUGE things can happen! I hope they never stop looking for ways to impact God's kingdom! I'm excited to continue this tradition of a 100 day coin drive to raise money for a worthy event/cause that is near and dear to my student's hearts every year. **Student Reflections** We are happy because we made the hospital not be so scary

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