

Project

Summer camp as a way to help parents raising a blind or visually impaired child

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Aims of the project:

- ▶ To give weak-sighted children, blind children and their parents the opportunity to get acquainted with the Centre for blind and weak-sighted children
- ▶ To help parents understand the requirements for schools, and which school is the most suitable for their children
- ▶ To help parents prepare their children for school
- ▶ To help parents choosing the right school supplies for their first-class pupils



Target Group of the Project

- ▶ 6–7 year old visually impaired children
- ▶ 6–7 year old blind children
- ▶ Parents of blind and visually impaired children, which is about to enter the First grade



Project Time and Participants

Time:

- ▶ June, 2008 (4 days)
- ▶ June, 2009 (3 days)

Participants:

- * 2008- 3 visually impaired children and their parents
- * 2009- 2 visually impaired children, 1 blind child and their parents



Activities during the project:

- ▶ Acquaintance with the surroundings
- ▶ Development of fine motor skills and the remains of eye-sight
- ▶ Development of orientation in space and independent motion
- ▶ Lectures to parents, advice on preparing children for school
- ▶ Exhibition of school supplies and advice on which school supplies could be the most suitable for weak-sighted
- ▶ Exhibition of children's works





Findings

Generalizing the project activities, it can be stated that children:

- ▶ Became more motivated;
- ▶ Acquired more knowledge and new skills;
- ▶ Became more self-confident;
- ▶ Became more independent;
- ▶ Found new friends.

Findings

Generalizing the project activities, it can be stated that parents:

- ▶ Better understand their children;
- ▶ Got “advise book” how to help their child to prepare for school;
- ▶ Better knowledge of helping their children, and choosing proper school supplies.

Conclusions:

The Project should be carried on because:

- ▶ Children acquire new knowledge and skills;
- ▶ Applied methods create possibilities for children to become independent;
- ▶ Children’s self- confidence is being developed;
- ▶ These new activities are a new way of cooperation between teachers and parents, assistance for parents to prepare their children being better learners at school.



Thank you for attention

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