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Los Perales Kindergartners Make a Difference

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Terry Miller with her kindergarten class at Los Perales Elementary School. Photo provided

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Los Perales Elementary School kindergarten teacher Terry Miller launched a project-based, student-led inquiry unit built around her long-standing classroom themes: kindness and spreading sunshine. Centered around the concept of sustainable giving (ala, teach a man to fish) and the idea that small gestures can net big results, Miller's kinders wondered about their place in the world and ultimately, how they could make a difference. Together, Miller and her class brainstormed what they could do and ultimately decided to use their newly acquired reading skills to raise money for Heifer International's Read-To-Feed program. The kindergartners sought sponsors from family members and friends and kept track of time spent reading, both in and out of class for two weeks. In total they raised \$3,101, which helped them purchase one water buffalo, one heifer, 18 goats, one beehive, and eight flocks of chicks, directly affecting the lives of 29 families.

You can watch the kids describe their read-a-thon in their own words and with their illustrations at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIgDqW_BCTQ.

For more information on this project visit: <http://lpreads.blogspot.com/2013/04/lp-kindergartners-change-world>.

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