

GREATER STELLENBOSCH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme

(We love learning/reading)

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Sithanda Ukufunda Literacy Programme forms part of the Educational Project. Its main focus is to improve literacy levels through empowering and training the teachers, facilitators, parents, volunteers and children in Kayamandi. The programme also focuses on the establishment of a literacy room at Ikhaya Trust Centre and networking for the Trust. The literacy room functions as a multi-functional room which serves the children, the facilitators, volunteers as well as the parents and any other activities relating to literacy or education.

1. Stories and pictures of the month



Literacy training was conducted for the new Aftercare facilitators from 4 to 8 April 2011. An overview of the Literacy programme elements was introduced and training focused on aspects like read aloud, writers workshop, shared reading, spelling and working with high frequency words. Teachers Noziphiwo, Mabel and Idrene presented some of these sessions. Group training sessions are continuing on a weekly basis on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 16h00.

Adele joined the Edupeg training (Numeracy) to assess the possibilities of linking the Literacy and Numeracy materials more effectively.

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Planning has been completed for the parent workshops that will take place during May 2011. The training will focus on the creche and preschool parents. During the Aftercare parents meeting held in April, it was clear that some of the parents have also identified a need for Afrikaans in the Aftercare to assist the children that studies in Afrikaans.

The Project for Alternative Education in South Africa (PRAESA) from the University of Cape Town visited the Trust on 21 April to speak to staff here and introduce the work that they have been doing. During their visit they have confirmed the need to read for enjoyment and for children to have numerous writing opportunities. These aspects are also currently a focus point of the Literacy programme.

Planning meetings were held with Bongo, Morris and Roger from the Readers and Writers Association in Kayamandi. During May they will join the preschool and aftercare for some Literacy activities.

The Literacy Ikhaya Trust Facebook account has been updated with more information on the Aftercare activities as well as some Literacy activities in the preschool.

The daily Literacy activities continue in the creche, preschool and aftercare. The Trust was closed for the Easter holiday from 22 April to 2 May 2011.

2. Progress during the month

The objectives for the month were to conduct the five day training for the Aftercare facilitators and to prepare for the parent workshops. Both objectives were completed.

3. Next projects within the Literacy programme

- Working on the training manual
- Planning for the storytelling workshop of PRAESA

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