

Build Day from a Kid's Perspective

Youth will get a chance to document the build day using their own point of view

Age Appropriateness:

5-8, 9-13, 13+

Key Topics:

Photography, journalism

Skills:

Critical Thinking,

Creativity

Interviewing

Materials:

Either digital or disposable cameras, paper, pens, construction paper, glue

Time Considerations:

On Build day the kids will need to be available for about 3-6 hours to take photos and interview volunteers. After the build it will take a couple hours to put together a Build day Album

Action: 6-8 hours

Resources:

Local Camera Store or pharmacy

OBJECTIVES

- The kids will BE the photographers on Build Day so we can see the excitement through their eyes.
- Building confidence through interviewing volunteers and taking pics.



Discussion/Preparation

- See if the kids can borrow school's digital cameras or try to buy a few disposable cameras
- Talk about what will occur on build day so they have an idea of what will be happening.
- Have a lesson on how to use a camera and have the kids brainstorm questions they would like to ask volunteers on build day.

Action

- On Build day have a few kids go out at a time with their cameras to take pictures of what they think is interesting and important. The teacher/adult will be there to supervise but not to tell them what to photograph
- Ask the kids to do a couple interviews with volunteers that they take pictures of. Make sure they get their names and organizations.

Reflection

- This is the fun part! Help the kids to print out their pictures.
- Have the kids create an album with all their pictures and interviews– this is very easy to put together with construction paper and glue.
- Have the kids decide who they would like to make copies for: it would make a GREAT after build gift for Donors, Teachers, Parents etc.