

AATF SMALL GRANT ACTIVITY

In Spring 2003, we were able to create a wonderful connection with a local grammar school, thanks to a small grant. The French Club at Schurz High School worked with a third grade bilingual (Spanish/English) class at Reilly School.

First, the French Club planned for our visit to Reilly. We discussed possible activities and planned which students would work at each station. They planned geography, conversation, art, and singing. I helped each group collect resources to use.

We visited Reilly for two class periods. Señorita Eros (the third grade teacher) divided her room into four stations, and the students rotated after 10-15 minutes. Mlle Wadycki from Schurz also came with us. We took ten French Club students.

Students at the geography table labeled and colored a map of France. Students at the conversation table learned basic phrases "Comment vas-tu?" and "Je m'appelle _____." Those at the art table colored outlines of famous masterpieces. The hit was the singing table. Our students used "La Voix en Rose" by Rose Nadolsky to teach the third graders a "Bonjour" song, and then "Tête, épaules, genoux et pieds."

During the next week, Reilly and Schurz students worked on making souvenir t-shirts to wear for the *pétanque* tournament.

One week later, the Reilly students came to our school for a picnic and *pétanque* tournament because their school does not have a field. We ate bread with Nutella, *pain au chocolat*, and drank Orangina. Next we divided the third graders into teams, and the French Club students supervised the match.

A good time was had by all at both events, and we hope to make the partnership an annual event.

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