

**Vista Unified School District**  
**Service Learning Project**  
**Spring 2016**

**Lake Elementary - Poverty Service Learning Project**

*Highlights:*

- Our journey began with the [Living on One](#) series of 8 short videos that document the experience of living on less than \$1 a day. These videos and the discussions we had in our Kindergarten and 2nd grade classrooms led to many questions from the children about how we can help.
- We began to research global poverty and learned that nearly 1/2 of the world's population – more than 3 billion people – live on less than \$2.50 a day. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty – less than \$1.25 a day.
- As we researched ways to make a difference, we also learned that giving money and food does not help end poverty. Giving people the tools and resources to self-sustain does!
- This led us to the Heifer International organization and the Read to Feed program. Our students realized we could in fact make a difference and fundraise by reading! Heifer International provides livestock and other resources that are given to people living in poverty.
- We shared the opportunity with our school through our [Poverty Service Learning](#) slides and many students and families joined us in raising \$555!

*Through this project students were able to:*

- Collaborate and discuss ideas through the lens of global citizens
- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Speak audibly and express thoughts, feelings and ideas clearly
- Confirm understanding of information presented by asking and answering questions about key details and requesting clarification if not understood

Click on the link to watch our youtube video:  
[Poverty Service Learning Student Video](#)

