I Can Day!

One activity I did for years is I CAN Day!

The last Friday of Red Ribbon Week our school would have a fundraiser where the students would bring in can food and we would donate it to a local food pantry. I would give each teacher a brown bag from the local grocery store. I would usually just go and ask the store for enough bags to supply each classroom with one bag.

Then I would staple an *I CAN \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* sheet on each bag. (This is below.) Before each student put their can into the bag they would have to share one thing they CAN do well.

Then at the end of the day one or two students from each class would bring the bags to my office. I would keep a tally sheet of how many cans each class brought. Then the top three classes would earn a prize and have their class name announced in the afternoon announcements. I usually got the prizes from Positive Promotions. Our PTA gave us money to purchase Red Ribbon supplies.

I liked this fundraiser because….

1. It is only one day!

2. It didn’t have anything to do with money.

3. We were helping a local agency.

4. The kids got excited because it was also a competition.

Additionally, I would use student council students to help me count the cans and I would take two students with me to deliver the cans.

I would usually set up an appointment with the agency and deliver the cans myself with the students. I had the students bring in a permission slip from their parents.

It was a great way to get the students to see what a food pantry was and how our cans were used that we collected.

Each year I did this fundraiser we would have more and more cans. The students knew about the contest from years past and would get so excited about the prizes. The teachers also got into the program and it was very successful.

If you have any questions please let me know and I will be glad to help you out!

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