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Our Loving Tribute for Mattie
Peace Certification Program Participants (yes no)
2013-2014

Name of Educator or Individual: Alba Romero _____

Your role (e.g., teacher, counselor, parent, aide...) Teacher _____

Name of classroom/school: Morningside Elementary School --- Grade 4 _____

Location (city, state, country): California, USA _____

Name of Lesson or Activity Plan: Mattie's Tribute Book _____

Subject /content area(s): _____

Reading, Writing, Language Arts, English, Spanish, Art, Poetry, Social Studies, Character Development and more!

Recommended age/grades/developmental level: Elementary grades (or any grade with modifications) _____

Who created this plan: Alba Romero _____

Ms. Romero introduced Mattie to her students using Mattie's books, video links from Mattie's website, information about Mattie from his website, poetry readings, and conversation and discussion.

The students learned about Mattie as a person, and as a poet and writer, and as peace advocate. Ms. Romero and her students reached out to Mattie's mom (Jeni Stepanek, who runs Mattie's Foundation) to share their activities and that they were inspired by Mattie's life and message.

Dr. Stepanek responded, and after learning that many of the students in the class were Spanish-speaking, invited them to help her in furthering her Spanish skills. They began exchanging e-mails in both English and Spanish. Ms. Romero also helped the students with letter-writing skills, and sent an package of letters from the students (all penned in Spanish) and artwork to Dr. Stepanek.

The students also created a "hero tribute book" for Mattie, in which they wrote letters about how Mattie inspired them in learning and in life. Ms. Romero helped them "publish" the book (hardcover binding through a specialty company) and sent a copy to Mattie's mom.

SEE PHOTO SAMPLES of the letters and book pages below...

Morningside Elementary School (California) Ms. Romero's 2014 Fourth Graders



Sample letters and art
from Ms. Romero's
students

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for
Mattie Stepanek
"Love Boy"
- Oprah Winfrey
By:
Ms. Romero's
Fourth Graders

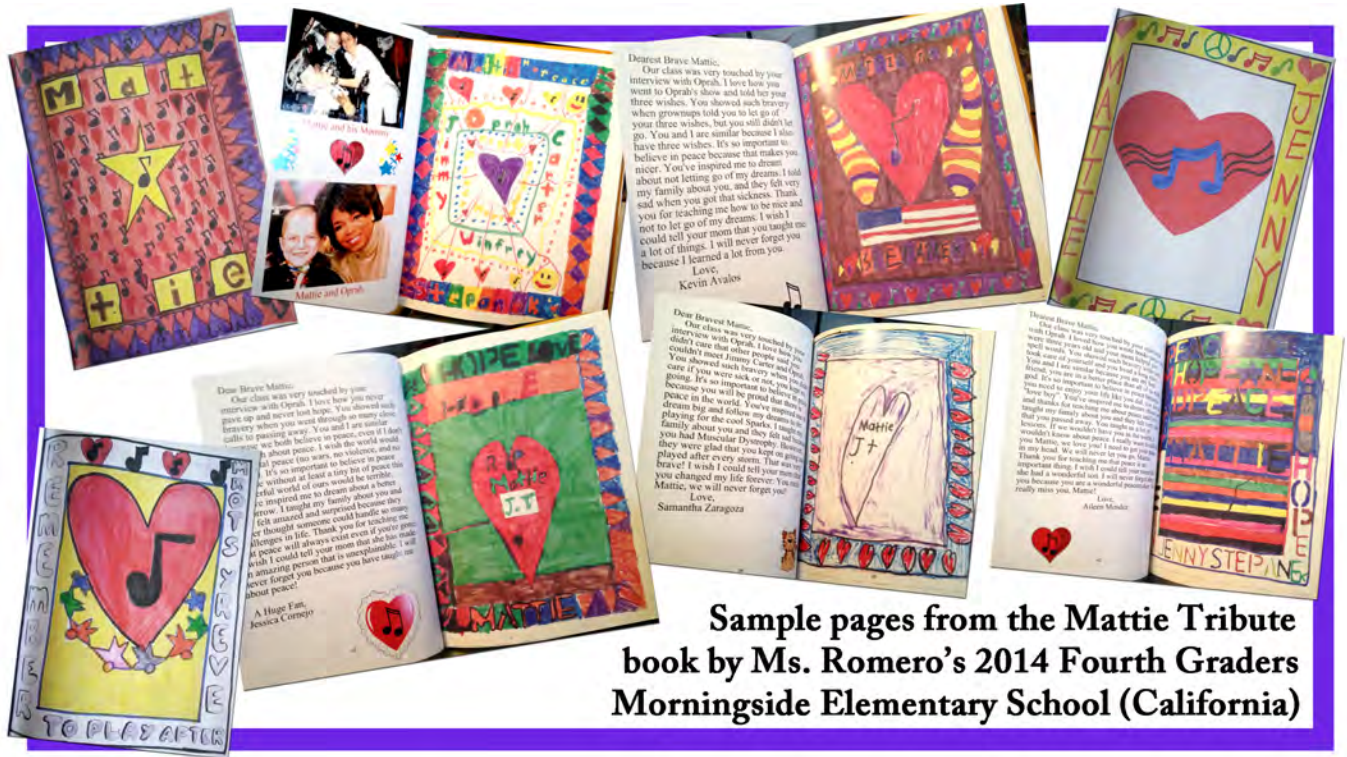
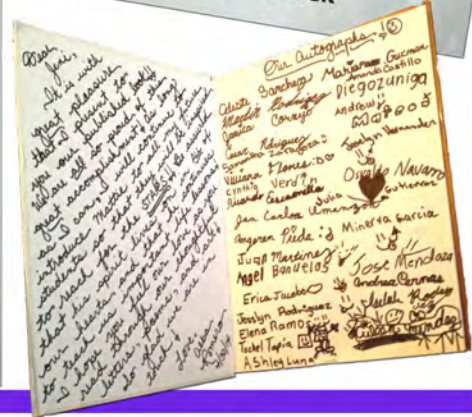


Mattie and his Mommy



Mattie and Oprah

DEDICATED
TO
Mattie, Ms. Stepanek,
and our Families
This project was a labor of LOVE for Mattie
and all that he stands for. We will ALWAYS
keep him in our hearts!! =)
Love, Ms. Romero and Fourth Graders
"Remember to play after every storm!"
Mattie J. T. Stepanek



Sample pages from the Mattie Tribute
book by Ms. Romero's 2014 Fourth Graders
Morningside Elementary School (California)