

KDS Elementary Students Blessed with Handmade Gifts

Throughout the year, many special donations are received for children at KDS. Hand knitted and crocheted hats, mittens, and scarves, as well as handmade “jewelry” and other items arrive regularly from friends of KDS. Here are a few items that have made the children smile lately.



Past Estahakee Chapter Regent Valera Washburn decided last summer that she needed a project. After some thought and consideration, she decided that crocheting winter hats for KDS students would be a great activity. Mrs. Washburn's goal was 500 hats and, though she didn't quite make her goal, she was able to create 204 winter hats for the students at KDS Elementary. She enlisted others in her cause, resulting in about 40 additional hats made by other members of the Estahakee Chapter. She was also aided by Susie Wuest, who

is both the Estahakee Chapter and Florida State DAR School Chairman. Mrs. Wuest packaged and shipped the hats to KDS for Mrs. Washburn.

Two very large boxes of handmade winter hats were delivered late in the school day to KDS on December 18th, which was the final day before the Christmas break. But 204 KDS Elementary students were excited to receive the hats when they returned to school in January.



Mrs. Rose Marie Pugliese made these fancy beaded jewelry pieces for the girls at KDS Elementary.

These are sent to elementary counselor Kim Smith who uses them as rewards to girls who are her helpers or have otherwise earned a reward. The girls love them!

Mrs. Harriet DeRosa has made many sets of hand knitted hats and mittens for the children of KDS. Norma Wolford's third grade class decided to make Christmas cards for Mrs. DeRosa to show their appreciation for her gifts.

She loved the cards so much that she made Valentines in return, thanking them for all their cards. She also handcrafted a lovely Christmas Ornament for each student and included gummie treats for the children to have as a special snack.

