

# Ideas for Academic Service Projects

Many students are very good at helping and serving others by doing assigned service projects. These may include shoveling snow, raking leaves, or mowing lawns for neighbors, etc. However, many times students who are not used to doing academic service projects using language arts skills have a difficult time coming up with ideas for serving others. The list below may give you some ideas.

As you perform these academic service projects, you will be practicing:

- ✓ Your best cursive handwriting
- ✓ Accurate spelling
- ✓ Good grammar
- ✓ Increased vocabulary
- ✓ Proper presentations of your message
- ✓ Neatness
- ✓ Your own creativity (artwork, poetry, music, designing, etc.)



1. Write thank you notes to various service organizations, such as fire stations, police stations, water treatment services, power companies, and other people who keep our cities running smoothly. (How about the garbage truck drivers?)
2. Write a letter to missionaries in a foreign country.
3. Set up a pen-pal with someone and write weekly letters to each other.
4. Write a letter to a relative.
5. Write a letter to a foreign exchange student.
6. Make up a game to do with your entire family -- be creative!
7. Write your favorite scripture and frame it. Hang it in your room.
8. Write a story and read it to a child. Then give it to him or her.
9. Write a story and make a video or audio recording of it.
10. Choose your favorite subject and create a poem about it for your journal.
11. Gather a collection of your favorite poems, then rewrite them into a booklet. (Choose a few and illustrate them, and create fancy borders around the pages.)
12. Make a book of your original poems and decorate the pages.

13. Write a thank-you note to a teacher, expressing your feelings.
14. Write a thank-you note to a brother or sister. Be specific in your feelings.
15. Create an original rhyming poem and write a song for it.
16. Write your feelings about God and frame it.
17. Write a thank-you note to someone in your neighborhood; include a favorite quote.
18. Write down your favorite scripture, explain why it is special to you, and give it to someone.
19. Make up a lesson about something spiritual or patriotic that you feel strongly about. Present it to your family. (Make up a game to go with it.)
20. Explain how to do something, with detailed instructions, and give it to someone you feel it may help. (Or make a game of this activity to see how well you wrote the instructions.)
21. Create your own personal mission statement and frame it.
22. Write in your journal every day for at least a month.
23. Write down character traits that you have. . List which character traits you feel originated from each of your parents. Give one copy to your Dad, and one copy to your Mom.
24. Write to someone in the Armed Forces. Include an encouraging poem or message of gratitude for their service.
25. Write to a legislator, expressing your feelings about a particular law or regulation; or send it as a thank-you note.
26. Write down all the good things that have come to you in your life. Put this in your journal.
27. Write a children's story, illustrate it, make copies, and give them to hospitals or clinics.
28. Make up a game and give it to a homeless shelter.
29. Write at least 20 short inspirational thoughts. Decorate and arrange them in a small photo-booklet. Make several copies of your booklet and donate them to various shelters. (You can use computer fonts and color them by hand.)
30. Make an audio recording of articles or stories and give it to a Care Center (or center for the blind) where people are not able to read.
31. Learn signing so you can communicate with the deaf.
32. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper, expressing your opinion about a specific subject, or defending your position on a righteous principle.
33. Create a newsletter for your family or class.
34. Write a thank-you note to your various church leaders.

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