

# **Concept Note:**

## **Book Bag Classroom Corner Library Package**

### **Introduction**

This is a concept note presented by Kathalaya Publication on capacitating children of primary grades to use reference books and increase their reading habits through the use of the Book Bag Classroom Corner Library Package. The Book Bag is essentially a foldable/portable wall-hanging book holder made of denier nylon fabric. The bag will hang flat against the wall which contains 'book pockets' made out of clear plastic that are sewn into the nylon fabric where each book can be slipped into a pocket in a front-facing vertical position. The size of the bag can vary according to class size and requirements, although a standard sized Book Bag will be able to hold a minimum of 50 children's books, again which may vary depending on thickness. The books in the pockets will be visible through the clear plastic and easily accessible by children.

The Book Bag is an economical as well as space-saving alternative to other book storage options of solid furniture such as book racks, cupboards, tin trunks and boxes for a classroom corner library. It is an immensely suitable piece of item for creating a corner library in classrooms which lack space and safety.

### **How to Use the Book Bag**

Since the Book Bag is foldable and portable, teachers can easily store it in either the school library or the faculty room (to be called the 'central location') in a cupboard or book rack and bring it to class each day for use. The bag will be hung and teachers and students will use the books accordingly for the day, wherein it will be returned to the central location at the end of the day.

### **Programme Objectives and Goals**

General Objective:

- To capacitate children to use reference books in order to support curriculum-based lessons /textbooks through classroom corner library.

Specific Objectives

- To help augment curriculum based lessons through the use of supplementary reading.
- To help children connect to books and reading through classroom activities.
- To show children that reading is a fun activity and gear them towards making it into a habit.

### **Program Strategy/Activities**

The program strategy includes the following activities:

- A school can have minimum 1 bag to maximum of 6-7 bags according to the number of students.
- The package will include at least 32 copies of each book and maximum of 96 books in a bag.
- Teachers can take bags to classroom each day and bring back after the classes over.
- Teachers can do the following activities with the students -
  - a. Story telling
  - b. Read Aloud
  - c. Drama from story book
  - d. Read stories for children etc

### **Expected Results**

- Use of corner library will help students learn to find reading books a fun filled activity and will develop growing interests in reading.
- Easy and immediate access of supplementary books will help teachers to use them for classroom lessons instead of depending only on textbooks.
- Children's reading habits will increase thereby giving rise to the creation of a reading culture among the students of the schools.

By using supplementary books and the corner library to augment textbook lessons, children can find a new and easier way to learn in class. Both should be used in such a way that it helps the lesson plans or prepares students to learn new things in class. Children can be taught quicker and more easily if that they have background knowledge of the subject. Stories and picture books are fun for children and create less learning anxiety or tension compared to textbooks. Primary grade children are bound to learn if they are regular in class. And the only way they will be regular is if they have fun and enjoy classroom activities.