

Lessons Learned from a Bunny Named Snowball

The corner of the Vocational Center at Saint Catherine Academy is the home of Snowball the Bunny. This quiet school pet is the focal point of several key lessons taught by Sr. Eileen Boffa, RSM. Functional lessons in responsibility, money management, recycling and cooperation are taught while the students care for Snowball. Today, the students reviewed the revenue from the can recycling effort. The benefits to the environment through recycling also provide the necessary financial support needed to purchase food and provide for the annual visit to the veterinarian. The students share the responsibility of providing water and cleaning Snowball's cage thus learning the routine of caring for a pet as well as cooperating with each other to complete a task.

"I am responsible to feed Snowball her dinner every afternoon before I go home. I feed Snowball with parsley, red or purple lettuce. I also give her a piece of banana, carrot, pellets and sometimes sweet potato or apple." Ariel, SCA student

The integration of important educational lessons in daily routines is the hallmark of the program at St. Catherine Academy. Many ordinary activities throughout the day are turned into valuable teaching moments. The best lesson the students learn from Snowball is the joy of interacting with their beloved class pet.

