

Community Partner: Smart Start - Literacy

Team name: Smart Tarts

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The Smart Tarts Action Team completed 151 hours of service to Smart Start - Literacy, logged 87 visits, and traveled 314 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was “to actively engage the students in the learning process, thereby creating a foundation upon which they can build and to assist teachers in the facilitation of meaningful exchanges with the students that foster a sense of love for and pride in reading.” The Smart Tarts Action Team addressed their purpose by assisting with special projects and activities in the classroom. Their work involved promoting literacy, instilling a joy of reading in the children, enhancing verbal skills, and promoting self confidence. The Smart Tarts team “helped the students develop a strong interest in reading, which will open doors to a new world for the students. Hopefully the students will recognize how reading helps them to develop their ability to reach their goals, and that by being able to read, they will be able to help themselves as well as others.”