SPG-DEVELOPING THE FUTURE LEADERS
Written by: Jocelyn D. Matawaran
Teacher III
Old San Jose Elementary School

“Learners are not born; they are made.”

Leadership is one of the most important qualities an individual. Not everybody has the guts to lead and not everybody is responsible enough to be a leader. It is important that even at a very young age, the leadership potential is tapped and honed.

Pupils at the elementary level are introduced to leadership through the Supreme Pupils Government or SPG. SPG is an effective way to train the abilities of pupils in early stages. In SPG, pupils are given opportunities to introduce themselves to public. They are also provided the chances of assessing the present situation in their school and plan ways to improve and help the school.

As early as the planning stage, the pupils are trained to recruit and select members of their own party and come up with the advocacies of their party. Selecting partymates uses a certain skill- assessing and selecting people who will be part of the team. It is also important in real life situation as leaders need to select and assess people they would be working with. In campaign stages, the pupils are trained to be creative as they need to create "gimmicks” and presentations that will support their advocacies. They are also trained to mingle with different pupils. It also happens in real life as leaders are poised to interact and persuade different types of people.

During the campaign stage, they also develop camaraderie as they need to work well and collaborate with their partymates. Leaders in real life also need to pool sources with others to attain their objectives and goal.

After elections and the winning officials are elected, the pupils are trained to work hard on their chosen projects and goals. They are also trained to be efficient and effective. They are also developed to be consistent and firm. They are also honed for planning and implementation.
Such skills are important to be learned at an early age since these abilities should be possessed by a competent leader.

SPG also develops the pupils’ confidence and social skills. They should overcome the fear of public speaking and must know how to deal with different pupils. Such skills are also possessed by good leaders in real life. They are not afraid of public speaking and they also know how to deal with people.

SPG is not just about popularity. It serves as a good training ground for our student leaders. It is advisable to develop them properly because who knows, our student leaders today may be leaders of society tomorrow?

References: