Global Book Bag

Title: Maddi’s Fridge
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Grade Level: 3
Global Competence: Act with respect for individual dignity, differences, and human rights

One out of every five children in the United States is at risk of having an empty refrigerator. *Maddi’s Fridge*, based on an experience from the author’s younger years, is written to explain childhood food insecurity in the U.S.

Upon discovering that her best friend Maddi’s fridge is nearly empty, Sofia sets forth on a mission to fill it. The only problem is that she promised not to tell anyone. Can Sofia complete her mission alone?

Bag Contents:
- *Maddi’s Fridge*
- Blank paper
- Markers, crayons, and/or pencils
- Access to a computer (if possible)

Directions:
1. With a parent or guardian, read *Maddi’s Fridge*. Be sure to discuss the last page. What are your thoughts and feelings?

2. From the list below, choose one activity to complete:
   - On Google Draw (or on paper if no computer access), create a poster to bring awareness about childhood hunger to your school and community. Use what you learned from the book to make the poster. Place your poster in a location that will inform others about the issue. (See example provided.)
   - Create a list of non-perishable items to donate to a food bank. Make a plan for how you might gather some of these items to donate.
   - Ask your class to collect and donate non-perishable food items to a local food bank.
   - Conduct an Internet search to find food banks in your city and community. Gather information about one of the food banks and write a brief report to share with your teacher and class.
   - Create a list of ways to help those who don’t have enough food and choose one idea to put into action.
Extended Learning

1. Volunteer with organizations that support food-insecure families.

2. Donate non-perishable food items to food banks or for your school to disperse.

3. Spread awareness. Tell everyone you know what you’ve just learned! Hang your posters at school and in public places (with permission, of course) and distribute to friends and family. Each person you educate makes a difference.

4. Visit this websites to learn more about childhood hunger:
   http://www.scholastic.com/hungrytohelp/?eml=SNP/e/20170511///FeedingAmerica///Visit///&ET_CID=20170511_SNP_FeedingAmerica_SL1_ACQ_20368&ET_RID=1939385381
   
   or this website to learn more about the author and how to fight hunger:
   www.MaddisFridge.com

5. Discuss what it means to “act with respect for individual dignity, differences, and human rights.”
Did You Know...

1 in 5 children in the United States does not have enough food to eat.

What Can You Do?

1. Volunteer at a food bank
2. Donate food
3. Spread awareness - tell people to get involved!