

# Comal Independent School District

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### I-Spy an important project at CLHS

While projects in Elizabeth Romney's Personal and Family Development class at Canyon Lake High such as creating and sewing aprons and pajamas and learning how to cook homemade pizza are certainly educational and fun, a particular recent assignment will ultimately have a lot more meaning.

Romney decided to have her students create a beanbag-like cloth filled with knickknacks most people have around the house. Objects including dice, colorful beads, toy rings, small Texas and U.S. flags, buttons, puzzle pieces, mini-action heroes, and even plastic spiders and other fake insects that most children are drawn to.

Students sewed a plastic window into the beanbag, and rice or macaroni noodles complete the recipe so the goodies are concealed.

What all this work has produced is a creative "I-Spy" game designed for children under 10 years old. The object of the game is to have the youngsters shake the bag and be able to identify the objects that surface in the window from an "I-Spy" list attached to a pouch on the back of the beanbag.

They can play on their own, with another child or with an adult.

"It's not only fun for the children to play with the "I-Spy" beanbags but it also teaches them reading skills," Romney said. "It's great to get my students involved in a service project like this."

The best part about this project is the final destination of the "I-Spy" beanbag games.

The students in Romney's class will soon take a field trip and donate the beanbags to kids in a San Antonio children's hospital.

"I took a lot of extra pride in this project knowing it might brighten up a sick child's day when we give it to them," said CLHS senior Jackie Salazar. "I think everyone in our class was excited when we got this assignment."

Salazar's classmate Jessica Underwood agreed this is a special project.

"I think it's great that something like this can help them forget about their problems for awhile," Underwood said. "It's always nice to do something good for someone. It makes them feel better, and it makes you feel better."

Romney said she hopes the visit to the children's hospital will have a long-lasting effect on her students.

"I doubt many of my students have seen a sick child who might not be able to get out of bed," Romney said. "I think it's important for anyone to learn the value of giving to others less fortunate, but it's so much better when you can gain that knowledge at an early age."

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IN PHOTOS: Jackie Salazar (left) and her Canyon Lake High classmate Jessica Underwood, play a game of "I-Spy" with a beanbag created in Elizabeth Romney's Personal and Family Development class. Romney's students will soon donate the beanbag games to a San Antonio children's hospital.

Jackie Salazar, a senior in Elizabeth Romney's Personal and Family Development class at Canyon Lake High, sews her "I-Spy" beanbag game that will eventually be delivered to kids at a San Antonio children's hospital.