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When students, particularly privileged students, from very prestigious schools take the extra mile to do their share in society, the world becomes a better place.

These last few days have been life changing for **ISM** and **Stepping Stone** students, both bonding and breaking down walls of disparity.

How blessed our students are to have **ISM ICARE** buddies care for them even of only for a few days.

Truly the **Christmas Spirit** is alive!

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The **International School Manila (ISM)** celebrated its annual **ICARE** program this year by spending time with our students from **Stepping Stone Makati** last December 11, 12 and 13th.

ISM sent a bus to pick-up our students accompanied by three (3) teachers from **Stepping Stone**. As the bus pulled into the **ISM** school, **ICARE "buddies"** were waiting to greet their visitors.



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The first day was held at the *Little Theater* where *ICARE* buddies and *Stepping Stone* students did some ice breaker games. A “*Newspaper Dance*” and “*Stop Dance*” kept both teams engaged with lots of fun and laughter.

Next, the group proceeded to *Mr. Cooks’* classroom where they laid down on beanbags to watch a Christmas related movie called “*Rise of the Guardians*”. The movie brought a breath of Christmas air into the rooms.

The *ISM ICARE* program also focused on the arts and crafts. The group was led to a bright large room filled with hanging paintings, clay dough and a lot of art materials.

There were three art activities stations prepared by the *ICARE* buddies and each group dug in to create figures from the play dough, coloring activities and painting abstract work. Each team bonded well with their *ICARE* buddies and it was a good opportunity for our students to use their fine motor skills and show off their creations.

The following days were devoted to

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showcasing their musical talents at the *Music Room* of the *ISM* campus. There were song and dance numbers by *Stepping Stone* students and group singing to the theme from *“Moana”* called *“How Far I’ll Go”*

It was a very heartwarming few days with *ICARE* buddies taking care of our students from *Stepping Stone*. While there were a lot of activities, there was also quiet time at the pre-school campus.

All together, bonding time with *ICARE* buddies like *“pretend play”*, using musical instruments, building puzzles, and playing with puppets were very rewarding for both teams.

A great friendship quickly built up between our students and their *ICARE* buddies these past few days despite a disparity in culture, personalities and age.

Thank you *ISM* and *ICARE* buddies for your time, support and love for our children at *Stepping Stone*.





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