Anna Borba Elementary shows caring spirit

During the last week, students at Anna Borba Fundamental School have written kind messages to one another, recycled waste, performed thoughtful acts, and collected hygiene items for families in need.

The "We Care" Week, April 20 to 23, was organized by teacher Kim McCormick to help students learn how to care for one another, the Earth, and the community.

"They are very caring. They are very nurturing," Ms. McCormick said of the Borba students. "I really love the kids at this school."

On Monday, students wrote a message to a friend at a table on the playground. The notes were delivered the following day.

On Tuesday, pupils were challenged to think of a way to help a friend, do that act, and then write about it on a small note that was posted on a "We Care" banner on the playground.

On Wednesday, students dropped off waste they had recycled in their classrooms throughout the week.

On Thursday, they delivered dozens of hygiene items they had collected throughout the week to Ms. McCormick's classroom.

Each grade level was asked to bring a particular item in. Among the items donated were toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and brushes, washcloths and hand towels, lotion, shampoo and conditioner, soap, and deodorant. Some students gave money.

Borba assistant principal Jeanne Clements came up with the idea to collect items for the Chino Neighborhood House, which serves families in need throughout the Chino Valley Unified School District.

The 30 student members of the school's Safe School Ambassadors anti-bullying group made signs for We Care Week, and Home Depot in Pomona donated boxes for the hygiene item collection.