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**LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
RECEIVE GIFT FROM AREA BUSINESS**

May 10, 2006 (Oshkosh, Wis.) – CR Meyer donated a new, portable, custom made school store to their PALs at Smith Elementary School on April 27th. The school store, constructed by Gordy Daun and Tim Miller of CR Meyer, was built as a result of the previous school store falling apart.

"The old school store was on its last legs, when right in the middle of some brisk after school sales it just collapsed in about six pieces," said Jean Stebbins, Principal at Smith Elementary. "Markers, crayons, and erasers were everywhere."

Two fifth graders at Smith Elementary School are in charge of the school store, where they sell Smith Elementary School logoed pencils, pens, and other school supplies. The money that they make by selling the school supplies goes to pay for their fifth grade graduation party. This project teaches the children about economics and entrepreneurship throughout the school year.

"It's unusual that tons of people buy things at our school store," said fifth grader Sam Bougie, who is one of the students that runs the store. "I think they should shop at a real store before school and have enough supplies. But I am glad they stop at our store because it goes to the fifth grade party and to buy cool things for the Smith school store."

The students that run the school store were involved in the early planning for the construction for the new store. Daun interviewed the students in April to find out what their requirements and desires were for a new school store.

"The two fifth grade students involved in running the school store requested that the store have a better money drawer and a Plexiglas door in front for displaying items," said Daun.

The new school store measures 30" wide by 48" long by 42" high and, as the students requested, features Plexiglas doors on the front and a lockable money drawer in the back. It also features ample shelving space for storing inventory. The purple Formica countertop was donated by Discher Millwork.

The PALS program was started in 1993 by the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce to promote partnerships with schools and businesses or service clubs to provide learning opportunities for students.

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