

## **Randi's KIDz Club**

Randi's KIDZ Club wrapped up a successful 10 week pilot educational/support group on January 22, 2015. The group, facilitated in collaboration with Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County (DVI) had 5 group members ages 6-9. All group members were victims and/or been exposed domestic violence in their homes.

Utilizing games, art, writing and sharing, the group members worked on building self-esteem, identifying and communicating feelings, identifying verbal, emotional and physical abuse, and safety planning.

Group members grew to trust the facilitators and each other as was evidenced when they would share what they had seen and experienced in their homes. The children routinely supported and encouraged each other as they talked about situations that had caused them to be scared and angry.

On the final night of group, the children made a mural to hang at the DVI shelter depicting all that they had learned and accomplished over the 10 weeks of group. Group members received graduation certificates, an art kit from DVI, and a journal from "Miss Nancy", the founder of Randi's KIDz Club" The night ended with lots of hugs, a few tears, and promises to never forget each other and remember all that they had learned in Randi's KIDZ Club.