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## **Cookies To Help Ronald McDonald House**

During the month of December, the USD 261 English For Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL) students at Oatville and Ruth Clark Elementary Schools have been involved in a community service project which will help the Ronald McDonald House in Wichita with their caring work for critically ill children and their families.

Our student project will help the Ronald McDonald House with children in critical medical situations. When the Ronald McDonald House staff deal with children in such need, they give them a stuffed animal to help the children gain a sense of security and hope. Many times the Ronald McDonald House runs low on the number of stuffed animals they have to give and rely on donations from the community.

To earn the money for the stuffed animals, the students have been baking cookies, creating advertisements and selling cookies! The money raised during the cookie sales will then purchase many stuffed animals. In culmination, a Ronald McDonald House representative will visit the schools and the students will present as many stuffed animals as possible.

**(Photo 1)** Ruth Clark Elementary student Vichipka Sophal carefully places M&M candies on her sugar cookies before they are placed in the oven. **(Photo 2)** Oatville Elementary School student Jack Som presses colored sprinkles in the top of his cookies to give them a festive look. **(USD 261 Photos)**

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**Photo 1**



**Photo 2**