**What have you done to make your school or your community a better place? 250-350 words**

### Patricia, a six-year-old girl in Kampung Melayu Orphanage, caught my attention when she asked me to help her read a story book. I soon realized that she was illiterate. So, every month after our visit there, I stayed longer to help her learn the alphabet one letter at a time. Slowly, she started to read simple words. I’ve met many kids like Patricia during my stint as the head of Bantuyuk, a non-profit organization for children in poverty. Hundreds of children in Kampung Melayu live with no access to education. Patricia’s spirit to never stop learning in spite of her condition inspired me to do more for kids like her, so I decided to create a mini library near the orphanage as a sanctuary for the children to learn.

Along with my team, we collected books from donations. Children story books, comics, school textbooks. We made simple DIY beanbag together and bought picnic mat as well as wooden shelves to store the books. I let the children add decoration from origami to make it look pretty and colorful. We all had fun that day! Weeks after that, we took the children to the library every week to teach them basic Math and English.

During COVID-19, we didn’t get the chance to visit them in person, but the library has become their second home. They continued reading even without us by their side. They even called us to send them more books. I am glad that our little project served as a big purpose for them -- a place where they can bond with each other and cultivate their creativity. My mission to show them that learning is a fun process was accomplished.

Today, many of them keep in touch with me. They’ve become my best friends and I still visit them every Christmas or Eid al-Fitr. Their hugs warm my heart and I love to listen to their naive stories. Seeing our impact has given me the strength to continue doing this in the future. Maybe I can’t change the world, but I can change Patricia’s world and other kids too – one step at a time.