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Casa de los Niños / Las Terrenas / Dominican Republic

Eyes getting bigger, smiles getting wider – the children at Casa de los Niños, a school in Las Terrenas, seem to be excited as their teacher Kari appears with a laptop under her arm. “Time for a little movie loves!” The kids in her English class are between six and eleven



years old. Learning a foreign language is quite special in the Dominican Republic, so educating the children is hard work for Kari but she still loves it. Her lessons are filled with English songs, role games and the best part: movies. By showing short clips and learning programs Kari gets great help from the Labdoo laptops teaching the Dominican children.

Usually the children are active, loud and twitchy during class. But while watching the story of a guy getting ready for school on the laptop everybody is totally quiet and focused on the screen. “The kids enjoy that type of learning a lot. It’s diversified and fun for them and also for me it’s a great relief.”

Meanwhile older kids have informatics and computer science classes. They learn how to handle a laptop in general as well as using different programs. Today the teacher shows them how to use Microsoft Word. After the lesson the children are able to type a text and highlight some words by changing the font color or underlining it. Teacher Cuello is pleased with



his students. “It’s great that we have the opportunity to teach the children how to use laptops. They really enjoy working on it and in the 20th century this is really important, but without the Labdoo donations we wouldn’t be able to offer this class. So we are more than thankful for that!”

Also for us volunteers from Aldeas de Paz, who built the connection between the school and Labdoo, it is quite hart-warming to see the progress we are part of.

So who knows – maybe some of those Dominican children are our computer scientists of tomorrow?



