

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR THE PRE-SCHOOL

June 18th --July 27th 1951

There were 48 registrants for the pre-school summer program. This has been the first year that we had so many children enrolled for the summer program. Out of 48 there were 9 who dropped due to colds while others never showed up. Nevertheless we have had a slight increase from previous years.

Having a smaller group we were able to take more younger children to prepare them for the fall session. Thirteen summer students will be reenrolling again for the fall term.

Summer Activities

The children have had a happy and busy time at school in spite of the heat. The children made sailboats which they proudly took to the beach. Everyone had a good time swimming, digging in the sand, and playing and watching the sailboat float on the water. The children were the envy of other children who were on the beach. The younger children on the other hand remained at school and enjoyed the water play. They were happy getting wet in their bathing suits and being allowed to play with water everyone had an enjoyable time.

BIRTHDAYS

We have had three birthday parties with ice cream and cake. The children made their own party hats and since some of the parents of the birthday child gave surprise gifts the children were happy and delighted to take home their presents.

EXCURSIONS were made to the farm and to the aquarium. The children enjoyed seeing the pigs, chickens, cows, and especially the sheep. We also saw the man milk the cow. After returning from the farm as we sat down to have lunch one of the children exclaimed, "Now I know where the milk come from. The cow gave us the milk".

To end our summer program the children were taken to the zoo for a picnic. We not only enjoyed the animals and birds but the hamburger sandwich was delicious and several of the children commented by saying, "I like the sandwich. It's good eat!"

A simple program was given the last day of school and there were about 25 parents who came to the program.

The program was as follows:

The younger children enjoyed singing the folk songs like "Skip to my Lou", "Blow the Man Down" "Hush Little Baby" etc.

The youngest ones enjoyed skipping, playing see-saw, Sally-go-round the Moon, airplane, Etc.

The older children did the hula--"Manuela Boy" Tambourine dance.

The girls and boys did "Cotton needs picking so bad" as they sang the song.

The girls worked hard dying materials for their bandanna as part of their costume.

Folk dancing was enjoyed by the girls and boys and especially the boys enjoyed being

Indians for their faces were all painted and this made their characterization real and helped them to put themselves in the role of Indian braves hunting, dancing, etc.