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Pre-school Activities for December 1952

no. of school session	15
Total attendance	746
" absence	79

Pupils registered	55
Girls	27
Boys	28

Pupils dropped	1
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1. Verna Olutani

Pupils added	2
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1. Beverly Mew

2. Wesley Lum

General Statement

We now have a full enrollment of 55 children.

We have had 2 cases of mumps and on the whole we have had almost perfect attendance this month.

Staff

A staff meeting was held on Dec. 1st. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

1. Discuss about Christmas activities
2. Basket supper to be held on the 19th for the parents and family.
3. Shared with the staff the important points on Dr. Kimmich's lecture.
4. Teachers were asked to report any repairs or materials needed for Christmas preparations.
5. Announcement was made about the Settlement Christmas Party and that the Pre-school was asked to decorate the building.

Unfinished Work

Wheel toy shed needs painting. ✓

Repairs

Cots need repairing. ✓

Special Events

We have had two birthdays. One of the parents Mrs. Ordonio bought favors for the children.

Excursions

The older children were taken to the Academy of Arts to see the Christmas exhibit. A guide took us around to show the various creches made in Europe and had some carol singing with the children. The children behaved well and were so natural and full of interest and enthusiasm in everything they saw that the guide and the person in charge of the singing of carols commented that "They wished all the children were happy and enthusiastic like our pre-school group. They thought our children were the nicest group they've had. There were some chreche that were 200 years old and the girls especially enjoyed seeing the angels, Mary and the baby Jesus. There were many "ohs" and Ahs" as the children saw the various window display. I overheard some children discussing among themselves saying, "Oh the German creche is good. The boys especially liked the toy room where the toys from all over the world were shown. They were so excited that they didn't know from where to begin to see the display. There was a Christmas tree decorated with craneberries. The guide asked whether the children knew what they were? One of the girls answered "craneberries". The stuffed peasant was a wonder and of great interest to the youngster. They all asked whether it was real or not.

After the visit at the Academy the children were taken to Sears to see the toys shown in the windows. As we were returning home we saw people on King Street waiting for General Eisenhower to pass by so ~~we~~ stood for 10 minutes and we were able to see the General himself. The children were proud that they had seen General Eisenhower and one of the boys asked me whether he was a Republican or a Democrat.

The morning of Dec. 19th the parents were invited to the Christmas program given by the children. All the children took part in the program and enjoyed themselves. The program ended with a simple nativity scene. A stocking filled with candies, nuts, fruits, balloon, and a simple toy for each child was given after the program. We were very fortunate to have Mr. Tomisato donate the Christmas tree, nuts, fruits, etc. American Factors also donated a candy cane gum, and wafers. Mrs. Wong also donated candy canes for the children.

There were about a little over 40 parents present. Cookies donated by Mrs. Schlosser was served as refreshment to the parents and children that attended the program.

Dec. 19th at 6:30 P. M. over a 100 people gathered at the pre-school to have the annual Basket Supper. There were enough food for everyone and we all ate heartily the delicious food which was brought by the parents. After the meal we had carol singing and a Christmas movie was shown to end the program for the night.

Most of the parents commented that they had an enjoyable evening.

The movies shown were "A Present for Santa", "Christmas Cartoon", and "Santa's Toyshop" which was rented from S. O. S. Radio and Recording Company for \$1.50 for each film. This was my Christmas contribution to the evening's program.