

Pre-school Activity for September 1953

Total enrollment	50
Girls	23
Boys	27
No. of Sessions of school	21
Total absence	103
" attendance	947
Pupils dropped	1

Susan Takiguchi --- dropped due to transportation problem.

General Statement

Several children have been out with the flu. Otherwise, the attendance has been regular.

Two teachers, Mrs. Tsukamoto and Mrs. Look were out 2 days this month.

Mrs. Tsukamoto was out on Sept. 16, 17 due to tooth infection.

Mrs. Helen Look was out on Sept. 28, 29 due to the flu.

During the registration week we had 26 registrants. All of these new pupils had no summer training ~~the~~ previous experience in school. In order to have some sort of orientation a Parents' meeting was called on the 27th of August to become acquainted with the parents as well as informing them about our school policies and help given them regarding the right attitude taken to make the first experience of school a happy one for their child.

Each teacher took care of the parents whose children they were to have for the fall session. The groups were divided and had an informal discussion about ~~becoming to know~~ ^{ing} the child better. Most of the mothers were concerned about the eating, and sleeping habits of the child.

Evaluation of the meeting.

As a result of this meeting I believe that the parents are very cooperative and the children adjusted to the school within 2 weeks without emotional strain or stress. The groups on the whole are very congenial. The harmonious play among the children is a wholesome sight to see. There is a relaxed feeling and atmosphere prevailing in the classroom.

Staff;: Meetings: Aug. 31. Sept 1st. Sept 14.

Agenda for meeting of Aug. 31.

1. Discussion and reminder of routine training for the new pupils entering in Sept.
2. Evaluation of Parents' Meeting.

Agenda for meeting of Sept 1st.

1. Assignment of pupils
2. Duties of teachers
3. Need of ordering new materials.

Agenda for meeting of Sept. 14

1. Announcement about the general meeting held on the 30th.
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2. To feel responsible about informing any child with BB gun that this is not allowed on the grounds at Palama.
3. "Go for Broke" opera group to put on musicale program "Showboat on the 25th.
4. Birthday to be observed.
5. Excursion to be taken to the Palama Fire Station.

New Equipment Purchased or made.

1. 3 sets of low horses made
2. Bulletin Board
3. Garbage can
4. Water hose
5. ~~Awning for~~ Awning for sleep room.
6. New sand box made
7. Sand ordered
8. Rope

Materials or School Supplies

1. paint brush
2. Staple fillers
3. Moth balls
4. clay
5. Children's record

Work done during the summer. 1953

1. cots washed and repaired.
2. walls painted
3. outside of building painted
4. foundation of juggle gym covered with sand.
5. Outdoor equipment painted
6. wiring done in closet and in sleep room.
7. Awning put up
8. Holes in the yard filled with dirt.
9. Refrigerator motor overhauled.

Special Events:

There were two birthdays celebrated this month. Robert Nakamura and Doris Miyashiro.

Excursion

The older group was taken to the Palama Fire Station on the 22nd. It was the first excursion taken by the group. Some of the children were disturbed when the demonstration of the fire alarm was put on by the firemen. Others showed interest and delight in having the opportunity to ride in a real fire truck. They have taken interest in learning the firemen's song during music time.

Parents' Meeting was held on the 25th at 7:30 P. M. at the Pre-school. There were about 20 adults present. A movie called " Meeting the Emotional Needs of Children" was shown and the discussion leader for the evening was Miss Andrea Lam from the Mental Hygiene Bureau. The parents showed interest in the discussion and participated actively in expressing their problems and in turn gave helpful suggestion in coping with the problem. Relating their own experience regarding the guidance of the child gave a sense of assurance and realization that the concern of other parents were similar.

Coming Event:

1. Advisory Meeting
2. Community Chest Puppet Show
3. Halloween Party

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