

Pre-school Activities

March 1953

Total enrollment	55
Girls	29
Boys	26
Total attendance	945
" Absence	100
no. of school days	19
Pupils dropped	2

1. Steven Terada
2. Jim Bostian

Pupils Added

1. Gail Sakata
2. Estrellita Malainao

General Statement

Easter vacation from March 28---April 5th.
Staff meetings were held on March 2, 23rd.

Agenda of meeting on March 2nd.

1. Arrangement for excursion to doll show.
2. Orientation for new pupil.
3. Discussed the advisability of promoting or shifting 3 children to older group.
5. Possibility of taking the children to Moanalua Garden to Roberta Edgar's Birthday party.

March 23rd.

1. Announcements made about the spring vacation and Kuhio Day holiday.
2. Excursion
3. Soliciting for donation for bazaar at the city stores.
4. Taking children to pass the fliers around the neighborhood (the announcements about the bazaar.)
5. Set the date for P.T.A. meeting.

Special Events.

March 3rd. Doll's Day was observed by making dolls with paper bags which the children brought from home. Even the boys showed interest in making boy dolls. A doll dance and parade was given by the individuals who made the dolls. A puppet show was given by the children using the hand dolls. We also had the "Hina" dolls displayed for the children to see at school. The children showed great interest in the Japanese dolls because of the costume, headress, and was very impressed by the glamour of the palace where the Emperor and the Empress sat on the throne. Many asked various questions regarding the costume and the articles the dolls held in their hands.

All the children were taken to Ala Moana to see the Doll Show. Each child had an opportunity to choose their favorite doll. The children were astonished to see so many dolls. After the doll show, we visited the CHILDREN'S MUSEUM. The children enjoyed seeing the live animals kept there-----the skunk, bunny, birds, etc. There were many interesting

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objects like shells, model ships, bird nests, tropical fish aquarium, etc. It was a good source for the study of nature. April 6th. the older children visited the Humane Society and saw a movie of the "Dog's Life" and the care of animals. A guide took us around the grounds showing the dogs and cats which were housed individually. However, the pups were the chief delight and interest for the children. Another unusual sight the children saw was the beehive. It was glassed on both ends and one could see the bees making honey. Some of the children showed unusual interest in the bees while others showed signs of fear saying "They sting!" On March 19th the younger children were taken to the "oster Garden to see the orchids in bloom. They were served juice there and enjoyed the outing with the group.

P.T.A. Meetings

Two P.T.A. meetings were held in preparation for the bazaar. It was held on March 10th and 24. The first meeting was well attended with 20 present.

Different committees were appointed and a free discussion was held as to what should be sold at the bazaar. The mothers suggested having pony rides and movies for the children besides the fish pond.

Mrs. Violet Wong was appointed to take charge of the Fish Pond Booth. Mrs. M. Goo to be the assistant chairman and the staff was asked to head the Rummage, Food, and Plant Sales with Mildred Tsukamoto, Shigeko Wada, Mrs. Ishida and Mrs. Look.

The latter part of the evening was devoted to working with the various preparation needed for the bazaar. The 24th meeting

This meeting was attended by 10 and worked on pricing the rummage articles. Others painted figures of animals, etc. A light refreshment was served and ended the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Easter

Easter was enjoyed by all the children. Easter baskets were made by the children and each child brought 2 raw eggs from home. The day of the party the eggs were cooked and colored and the basket was filled with the cooked egg, candy eggs and a chick for each child. We also had an egg hunt before the party.

Paper mache bunny was made by the older children with the help of Mrs. Tsukamoto. Egg shells were painted to hang on tree branches for decoration. A mural was also painted by the older children and helped to give the Easter atmosphere at school.

Birthdays

There were about 3 birthdays celebrated this month. One of our mothers, Mrs. Edgar invited the entire children at school to her home at Moanalua Garden. Unfortunately, it rained while we were having lunch and we all had difficulty finding shelter to finish the lunch. We all had a little basket filled with candy eggs, ice cream and cake for dessert. The ride in the army truck was a treat for the children and especially the older children felt slighted for not being able to ride on the truck. We finally settled by taking turns. The ones that rode to the destination were asked to ride in the cars coming home. It was an exciting day and the children were ready for sleep when we returned to school.

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