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PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Summer program June 16---July 24, 1953

Enrollment 25
Girls 13
Boys 12

Total attendance
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no of school days 29

Pupils dropped 10

These were pupils who registered and never showed up.

Staff We have had a perfect attendance of the staff for the summer session.

We were fortunate to have a volunteer worker this summer. Gertrude Miyamoto is a college student at Goucher College in Maryland and voluntarily offered to be with the group this summer in order to gain experience and to observe the children in school.

Observation .

Miss Wada and I had the opportunity to observe a group of blind children at Central Union Pre-school. This was a special 6 weeks session that was held under the directorship of Miss June Shimomura of the Sight Conservation Bureau. It was an interesting experience to see the attempt made to help and train these children who had never been given group experience or careful supervision even at home. It was pitiful yet frightful to see what children did to have a little attention from adults and to have the reassurance of love shown to them.

Staff Meetings were held on 7/6/53 and 7/23/53

7/6/53 Agenda for meeting.

1. Arrangement and discussion about the rummage sale, to be held on 7/11/53
2. Group excursion taken to aquarium.

7/23/53 Agenda for Meeting

1. Program for the last day of school
2. Announcement about the date of return on August 24th.
3. Reminder about mailing the summary reports to the parents of the child.
4. Suggestion of needs or work to be done during the summer.

Repairs done.

1. wagon repaired
2. screen of sleep room repaired. Ordered to have the heavy wire put on both doors.

New Materials added:

1. Tinker toys
2. Domino for children
3. Set of Bow and arrow
4. Horse shoe pitch
5. 2 rubber balls
6. Animal lotto
7. Landscape peg set
8. Tricycle

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9. Records
 - a. Carrot Seed
 - b. Magic record
 - c. Eensie Winsie Spider
 - d. Square Dance record

Household Purchases were:

1. 5 doz. dishes
2. 1/2 vegetable dishes
3. 5 doz glasses
4. Clothes pins
5. 6 yards napkin material

New Equipment

Rubber raft which Bob loan to us during the summer.

Special Events:

6/25 The older group were taken to the Kewalo Basin and aquarium.

6/25 The younger children made a trip to Foster garden.

7/3 The older group were also taken to see the Fire Boat at Pier 15.

7/8 The younger group went to the aquarium to see the fish.

7/13 The older group visited the airport and had the opportunity to see the "Mars". We were taken into the seaplane and the children enjoyed seeing the interior of the plane. They tried the crude seats where the service men sat and also tried the life jackets on. While we were doing so, we heard the propeller spinning and wondered what was up and came out of the plane in a hurry. The men did not know we were in and were surprised to find so many coming out of the plane. The children became excited and thought they were going away on the plane. They came out in a hurry and we had no trouble getting them out.

7/24 The school picnic was held at Ala Moana Park. All the children were taken and they were allowed to swim. Many brought their tubes of various size and color and were all eager and excited about going to the picnic. Mrs. Tsukamoto and Miss Miyamoto swam and watched the children in the water while the other teachers took care of the washing and dressing of the children. All of the children enjoyed swimming and they all had a wonderful time. After swimming, the children were taken to the Children's Museum to see the birds and animals. They all tuned in by saying "I'm hungry! " We ate our lunch of salad, barbecue meat, milk, tuna sandwich and ice cream for dessert. We returned to school at 12:00 tired but happy and had a nice long nap that afternoon.

7/11 A Rummage Sale was held from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon. Some of the present mothers donated clothing which added a great deal to the sale. On the whole the undertaking was a success for we made about \$47.00 from the sale. There was a good spirit of cooperation from the staff towards this project. Leaflets were passed out and posters were made but found that the announcement by word of mouth was most effective, for many did not read or notice the signs.

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7/24 Last Day School Program

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It was a short program presented informally. The songs and rhythms the children had learned during the 6 weeks of session were presented.

The program was as follows:

1. Songs by children
2. "Who Wants a Ride?"
3. Ponies and Cowboys
4. Younger children (Hey Betty Martin)
5. Sailboat
6. Sprinkle Pepper on Fishes Tail
7. Sambo Dance
8. Cotton Needs Picking
9. Hansel and Gretel Dance

There were about 15 interested parents present. Many were happy that they had sent the children during the summer, and also happy about the fact that the children enjoyed coming to school. A simple refreshment was served to all after the program.

Evaluation of the Summer Program.

It was disappointing to find a small group for the summer this year. Nevertheless, the children who attended school gained a great deal from the small group. The new children with no school experience adjusted to the routine much faster with less emotional strain. I found that I had less disciplinary problems, for the children had freedom and opportunity to do things without being bothered or irritated by others. I realized why educators advocate a small group although it is a very expensive way of education.

We will be having all of the children in the fall except 7 who will be going to the first grade.

Water Play was introduced and the children enjoyed having the rubber raft outdoors. It had many uses for we were able to fill it with water for the children to play as well as bouncing on it and playing boat.

We tried to use the tank in the morning but was disappointed many times for the tank was not ready in time to be of use to us.

Ads were in the Advertiser AND THE Star Bulletin but found the result of the enrollment to be small.

- ✓1. We may need publicity in the language papers.
- ✓2. It might be helpful to have an article accompanied with a picture to be published in the paper about our summer program about 2 weeks before the session.
- ✓3. Received many calls from mothers about a group for children between 5 and 6.
- ✓4. will try to have a meeting of our new mothers one evening for conference + informing them about our school policies.

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