

Pre-school Activities

October 1953

Enrollment 48
number of school sessions 22
Total attendance 976
" absence 80

New Pupils 3

John Davis
Dennis Koki
Jim Lai

Pupil dropped 4
Lawrence Renio
Carol Kishimoto
Katie AHN
Aileen Au

General Statement

We have had a few cases of colds but on the whole the attendance has been very good.

We have placed ads in the Star Bulletin and Advertiser and have had many calls but most of them were interested in provision for transportation.

The students from the University has begun their observation work this month. We will be haveing them until June 1954.

Staff

Miss Shigeko Wada was out on Oct. 4 due to the flu.

On Oct 5, there was a meeting of all Pre-school directors at the University Elmentary school I attended this meeting and received the necessary information regarding the pupils that were coming to observe this first semester.

I also attended the Childhood Education meeting held at the Academy of Arts for all pre-school elementary teachers in Honolulu. This is a nation wide organization and have encouraged my staff to attend these meetings.

Miss Palmer of the Hahahaole School gave a talk on her experiences and trip to Europe. She especially informed and gave helpful suggestions about the European children who were being supported and cared by local schools and clubs. She suggested that the most important thing one could do was to write letters to these children. They appreciated this above everything else. The emphasis was also on keeping close contact with the people there through regular correspondence.

Visit to the Lanakila ^{Health Center} was very interesting. Gained knowledge of the resource and function of the health center.

Advisory Meeting. was held on Oct. 7, 1953 at the Pre-school.

All the members were present. The agenda of the meeting:

1. Report about the pre-school

2. Planning for the Parents' meetings.
 - a. Ways and means of improving and making it meaningful for the parents.
3. Orientation in school
4. Raising funds for the school.
5. General information on the workings of the Settlement.

Staff meeting. Oct. 5, 1953

Agenda of meeting:

1. Inform and discuss plans about taking the children to see the puppet show.
2. Encourage staff to attend A.C.E. meeting to be held at the Academy of Arts on Oct. 8th.
3. Read the articles in the Childhood Education magazine.
 - a. helpful articles regarding music and orientation for children.

Oct. 19, 1953

Met mainly to receive more information about the carnival to be held Dec. 30, 31, 1, 2.

1. Plans about the Carnival
 - a. given by Mr. Ehlers
2. Possibility of working out a schedule whereby the pre-school children can take advantage of the music school set-up.
 - a. Get a few hours of time for folk dancing, music appreciation, etc.
 - b. Have Mr. Wiley help in putting on a simple dramatization for the pre-school children.

P.T.A Meeting was held on Wed. Oct 28, 1953 at 7:30 P. M. at the pre-school.
Agenda for the meeting:

1. Announcements
 - a. Magician's performance
 - b. Carnival to be held in Dec.

Speaker: Mrs. C. Mulder
Topic: "Discipline"

The group profited greatly by the discussion held in 2 groups.

The problems presented for discussion were: "What is it that the child does that need discipline?"
"What bothers the parents most?"

After pooling the ideas discussed it was found that the topic of Sibling Rivalry was the foremost subject that all mothers had in common.

Other factors which were brought out in the discussion were:

1. Contrary behavior at home and school.
2. Eating
3. Parents disagreements occurring at home
4. Children's lies
5. Child demanding attention when parent is busy
6. Urination
7. Spending money for children
8. Fear of the dark.

Program Planning Committee:

The following parents volunteered to serve on the committee

1. Mrs. Pearl Lau---chairman
2. Mrs. Mildred Nakayama
3. Mrs. Janet Lai
4. Mrs. Constance Komoda
5. Mrs. Natsue Nakamoto

The group is meeting on Wed. at 2:30 P. M. Nov. 4, 1953

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