

Enrollment	48
Boys	26
Girls	22

no. of school sessions	14
Total attendance	570
" Absence	62

General Statement

The children were busy making Christmas ornaments and gifts for their parents. Mrs. Look's children made hot pads, Miss Wada's group made cans pasted with colored ads the older children made letter holders and pads.

Staff

Mildred Tsukamoto was out 6 days due to the death of her mother. Dec. 4---11.

2 staff meetings were held: mainly to discuss Christmas preparation.

1. Announcement was made about the First Aid Class.
2. Arrangement for the work schedule for the carnival was presented by Mrs. Lau our chairman.
 - a. The staff signed up for duty on various evenings and mornings.
3. Mrs. Pearl Lau and Mrs. Constance Komoda co-chairman have made the necessary contacts with the parents and have been successful in getting good response from the parents in donating food stuffs and white elephant materials for the country store. A schedule plan and diagram for the Saimin stand were made by Mrs. Lau.
4. The estimate for the food to be sold at the booth was made by Mrs. Ishida and Mrs. Lau, and Mrs. Komoda.

Special Events:

The older children were taken to see the Christmas exhibit at the Art Academy. We had a very interesting experience of singing carols with another group of children there. All the songs were familiar to our children and contributed greatly to the singing. They also enjoyed seeing the creche exhibit shown and liked especially the toys of various animals, dolls from all over the country, wheel toys, etc.

A Christmas Birthday Party was held on Dec. 17, 1953. The children wore birthday hats and the table was decorated with crepe paper and candles. We also had visitors from the Star Bulletin and pictures were taken of the children eating. RONALD LEE and WILTON KITSU celebrated their birthday together. We had a wonderful Christmas dinner of baked ham, sweet potato, ice cream & birthday cake. The University cadets brought a marshmallow snowman which they had made as favors for all the children at school. It was a delightful surprise for the children.

Dec. 18 a Christmas program was given at 9:30 A. M. In spite of the rain we had a good showing of about 25 parents. The children opened the gifts Santa had brought for the school. They were 2 dolls, a set of plastic cowboy & soldiers, 2 lotto game cards, 2 cowboy hats and a set of puppet donated by Mrs. Fong. Mrs. Violet Wong also gave the children a beautiful set of log cabin & stockade set with soldiers, Indians, etc. and a doll house for the girls. Our Christmas tree and apples were donated by Mrs. Kenneth Chun Hoon. Candies were donated by American Factors, (bubble gum canes, chicken bones, walnut sticks in cans) also candies from Bellow's Co.

Each child received a package filled with candies, fruits, nuts, cooky, dried fruit, balloon

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and a toy. A 5¢ lariat toy for the boys, a wrist watch for the girls. The children squealed for joy when they opened the bag and they were all excited and happy over the contents. The expression of joy and happiness on the children faces were a sight to behold.

The University girls Miss Jean Chun and Miss Kimura put on a Christmas puppet show for the children. It was well given and the children enjoyed this immensely and showed special interest in seeing it.

Dec 18 at 6:00 P. M. a basket supper was held at the school. It was a huge success. There were more than enough food and since we started eating at 6:30 P. M. we were able to end early. There more than a 100 people here. The program was planned by one of our parents with my assistance.

The program was as follows:

1. Singing of Carols
2. Children's performance
3. Puppet show
4. Santa Claus and giving out of the grab bag gifts each parent brought red ribbon for girls and green for the boys.
5. Films shown (2 Christmas numbers-----A Present for Santa.---Christmas Cartoon)

The Santa Claus idea was a huge success. Mr. Melemaia was our Santa and made a perfect one for all the parents commented about what a good Santa he was and wanted to know who he was.

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