

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 1953

Total enrollment	56
Boys	28
Girls	28

Pupil dropped 1

1. Pam Schloesser

Pupil added 1

1. Peggy Pang

Total attendance	894
" absence	114
no. of school days	18

GENERAL STATEMENT

The attendance has been good in spite of the flu epidemic. There were about 5 cases at school.

STAFF

A staff meeting was held on Feb. 10. Agenda being:

1. Announcement about spring picnic.
 - a. Three felt if they were notified early ---will be able to go.
 - b. One definitely said that she will not able to go.
2. Preparation for costume for annual meeting.
3. Parents meeting to be held on Feb. 27th.
4. Selection for Bazaar committee made.
 1. Rummage-----Mildred Tsukamoto
 2. Food-----S higeiko Wada
 3. Plants-----Mrs. Helen Look
 4. Fish Pond ----Mrs. Violet Wong

Conference at the Sight Conservation.

Miss Wada and I were asked to be present at a meeting on Feb 13th with the Sight Conservation Group. Cynthia was asked to go also to demonstrate her growth in learning at school. She sang several songs she had learned and also danced willingly without hesitation the Valentine dance with the costume she had made.

I gave a report on her school adjustment and growth in her relationship with the children at school. We all came to the conclusion that in spite of her handicap it was advantageous and beneficial for Cynthia to be with normal children. This is a trial case and since it is working out so well the group felt it very encouraging to recognize the possibility of such a training for the blind. A comment was made by one of the workers who worked with teen aged blind that one of the most difficult thing to do for the blind is to have normal relationship with others. They are inclined to be sensitive with strangers and has a warped attitude towards others. Training them when young might help this problem of overcoming the sensitive state and to have a wholesome outlook in life.

I tried to point a few important things to keep in mind regarding the problem of having

such a child in school.

1. When placing a child the group must be small.
2. Requires a lot of teacher's care and time.
3. Must be a congenial group willing to accept the child.
4. Child must be ready for group experience.
5. Child's cooperation and willingness to learn is important.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have had 3 birthday parties this month.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SETTLEMENT

The children were asked to participate in the annual meeting. Two dance numbers were given. The Valentine and the Mexican dances. The children made their own costumes and they all enjoyed performing for the adults. Mrs. Violet who was chosen as a parent representative was present at the meeting and she commented that it was an interesting meeting.

Parents' meeting was held on the 27th at 7:30 P. M. with about 20 present. Met mainly to discuss about plans for the Bazaar. Several suggestions were made by the parents. They were interested in having a few things for the children. A pony ride was suggested and also about the possibility of having a movie shown. The films were to be donated. Mrs. Violet Wong was chosen to head the Fish Pond Game. Mrs. Goo to be assistant chairman. We closed the meeting by promising to meet again on March 10th.

Repairs made
cots were repaired
leaking of roof attended.

Unfinished Work

Painting the shed. ✓

Suggestions for Improvement

1. Boys Scout Group or any other club group might make a few equipments for the pre-school.
 - a. low horses, collect small barrels, and make small planks from wooden crates. make puzzles, and hobby horses with plywood and broom handle.
 - b. build boats, or playhouse?

Coming Events:
EASTER.
BAZAAR.

WHS