



Sports mini-class member Troy Smith found that walking a tight rope is harder than it looks. But it is possible with another rope to hang onto. Mr. Dave Jordan also challenged the students with a rope ladder that has a nasty habit of spinning and dumping kids, like Maury Rhoan (above) on the ground. CDS Photo



Deana Smith's fingers ended up just as colorful as the brightly decorated cookies she made in Ms. Sharon Cooke's mini-class. Joyce Suppah and Penny Scott look on as cookies await eating. CDS Photo

Mini-Classes Make Spring More Fun



Ms. Donovan Burkert, 4th grade teacher and an experienced weaver, shows Virgil Windy Boy how to spin sheep's wool without a spinning wheel. Members of this mini-class are making twisted cord belts with the wool they spin. CDS Photo

Spring has always been a rough time of year for teachers and students.

The Warm Springs school is doing something about the perennial problem. "Mini-classes" are designed to introduce kids to arts and crafts that they normally wouldn't be exposed to in the classroom.

The "hands-on" approach is ideal for capturing students' interest when spring fever hits.

Classes in spinning, sports, chess, square dancing, bead-

ing, leather tooling, candy making, God's eyes and needlepoint are among those offered. One group is even learning to construct a fishing rod.

Teachers use their hidden talents or pick up new ones and work with kids in a refreshingly informal manner. Kids of all ages have a chance to mingle and get to know each other.

For six weeks at the end of the school year Warm Springs students have at least one reason not to play hookey.



These girls won't take candy for granted anymore now that they've seen all the steps involved in making it. Dipping the raspberry-flavored cores into chocolate in the candy-making mini-class, led by Ms. Earlene Anderson, are: Jolene Johnson, Susie Boileau, Ellen Colwash and Tonya Mitchell. Donuts were the next project. CDS Photo