

Mini-Classes, A Chance to Explore Something New

by Sandy Rangila

Mini-classes at Warm Springs Elementary are in their fourth week this year, and the kids are already planning ahead to what they'll sign up for next year.

The six weeks of mini-courses are offered in the spring of each year for the purpose of introducing kids to activities they can enjoy doing outside school.

Now in its third year, the program has generated excitement among the children, probably as a result of the enthusiasm of the teachers.

Not only are the kids being exposed to activities they might not have the opportunity to engage in otherwise, but the teachers are encouraged to share their particular talents

with the students — thus it is a gratifying two-way learning experience.

Knowing they have only one hour each Friday, the kids are quiet and absorbed in their individual projects. While one group is involved in a string art project, others are working on rug hooking, leather crafts, water color, stain glass, needlework, and other crafts.

But not all the mini-classes are geared toward crafts. Some students choose courses in wrestling, cooking, and general athletics.

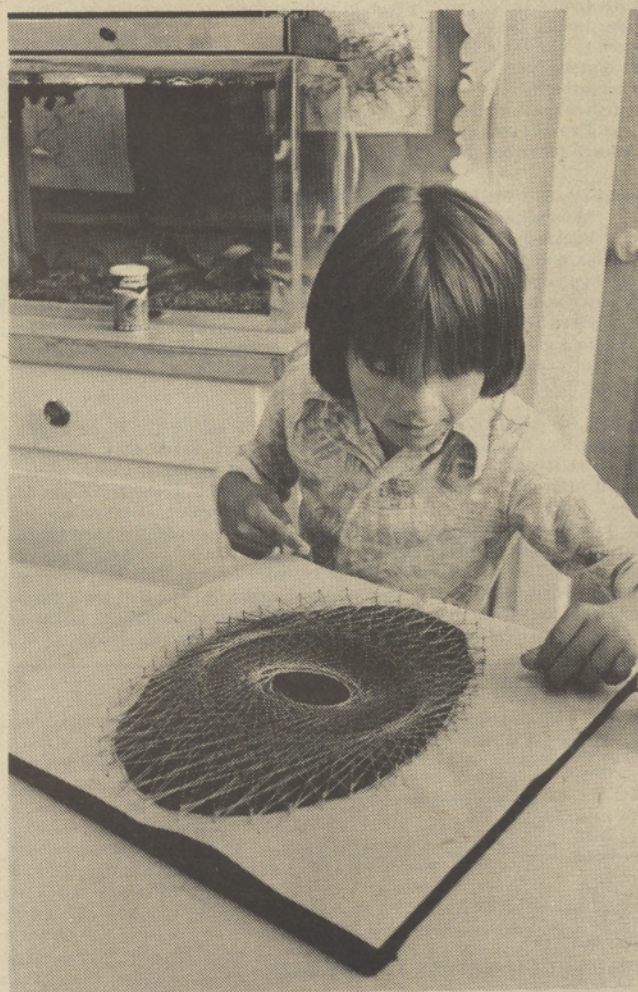
Some of the kids take their projects home to work on them, and most are eager to show you their handiwork. But mostly it's fun and a chance to try out something new.



Like a master watercolorist, Julian "Lurch" Scott controlled his paint, letting the colors bleed and blend to fill the outline of a duck. Lurch discovered his flair for watercolor painting in one of the many mini-classes offered at the grade school. CDS Photo



Lori Switzler, June Keplin and Diane Frank had a sewing bee in the library where they were learning needlework on a large scale, one of many simultaneous mini-classes. CDS Photo



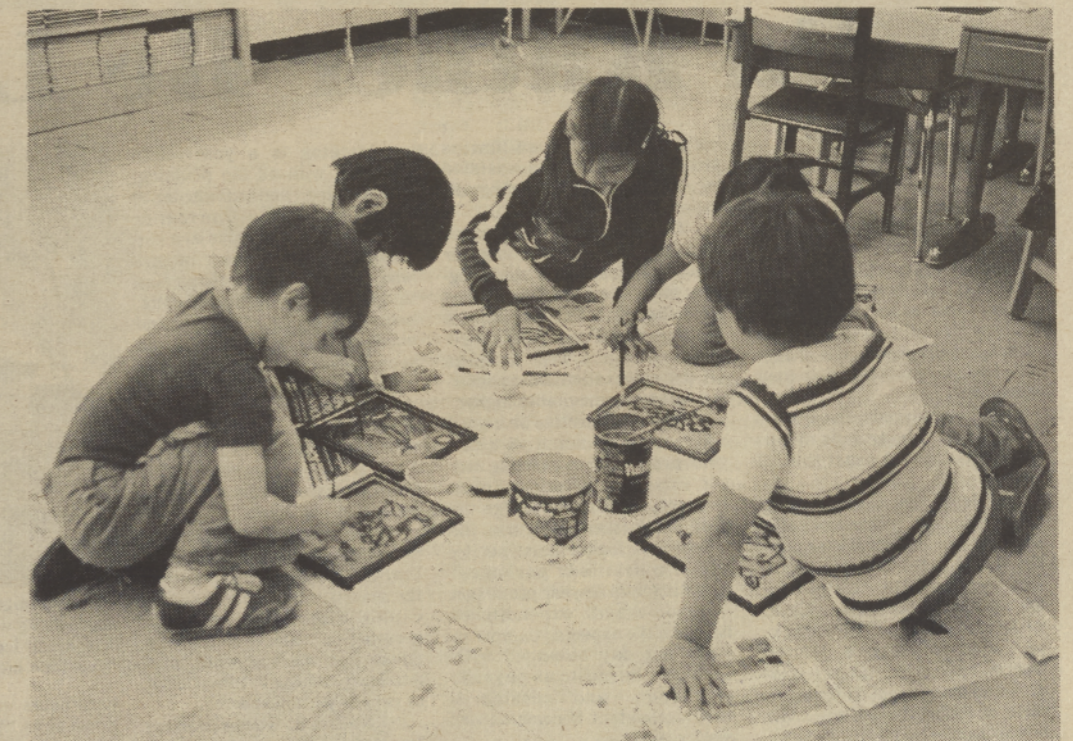
Deon Minthorn spun a web of colors in his string art mini-class, forming a giant eye that seemed to stare back at him. Harry Phillips and Nita Curtis shared their skill with students. CDS Photo



Strands of yarn stretch the length of the room in Ms. Burkert's mini-class in belt-making. The kids have been spinning wool on drop spindles for the past two weeks in order to have yarn for the belts. Now they are in the process of making a twisted rope in preparation for the final product. Sandy Rangila Photo



Boys and girls turned out in equal numbers for the latch hook class taught by Sharon Cooke. By pulling yarn through a screen with a hook George Ike constructed a picture of a Panda. CDS Photo



Stained glass is not just for churches, as students learned in a mini-class taught by Dawn Squiemphen and Lily Ann Suppah. The glass decorators filled in the black lines with bright colors and then had the fun of holding their handiwork up to the light. CDS Photo

Kids' Corner Spring Inspires Creativity

COASTAL VACATION
by Rosanna Sanders
(Grade 5)

On Spring Vacation we went to the coast. First we went to Newport then on up to Lincoln City. On our way we got lost because my dad took the wrong road. When we finally got to Newport we got a motel right on the beach. We had to stay in building two.

It was pretty neat because they had a bunch of trails and tunnels that me and my sister were running on. On one of the little cliffs there was about 6 holes. When me and my sister spotted it we began to climb. My mom got scared because she thought I was going to fall.

The next morning we started off to Lincoln City. When we got to Lincoln City we went to look for a motel. We found a nice motel but I forgot the name of it. It had two private rooms.

Later that afternoon me, my mom, and sister went swimming in the indoor swimming pool. When we got out we went up stairs to change back into our clothes. When we got up there my dad pointed out some whales in the ocean. We were watching them for about 30 minutes. The next morning we headed for home.

THE END

WHAT I DID ON
SPRING VACATION
by Shirelle Smith
(Grade 4)

Me and my family went to Carson City, Nevada. It was kind of fun there. We ate at the Nugget. It was a big casino. Our whole family got to eat all we wanted just for \$9.00.

After that we went on to Los Angeles. We went to Magic Mountain but it was closed. So we went to stay with my Grandma and Grandma in Pomona, California. The next day we went to Disneyland. It was so crowded we hardly rode anything but it was fun. We went to Tom Sawyer's Island. My little brother got lost. But we found him.

We went back to my Grandma and Grandma's house and packed and started to come home. I think it was a pretty good vacation.

THREE DAYS
IN DISNEYLAND
By Veronica Smith
(Grade 4)

We went to Disneyland and Knottsberry Farm and Magic Mountain and Lion Country Safari and Busch Bird Sanctuary. We had bad luck. We ran into a car accidentally. We had a good time. Then we flew to San Francisco for a couple of days. We didn't do much there. But we went to Marine World Africa U.S.A. They had animal shows there. We had a fun Spring Vacation.



Grade school band members rehearsed for the Spring Concert with help from teacher Dean Jolstead (right). Warm Springs music teacher George Kios directed the voice section in a chorus of "It's a Small World." The concert on Wednesday featured music, skits and dancing about "Show Biz." CDS Photo