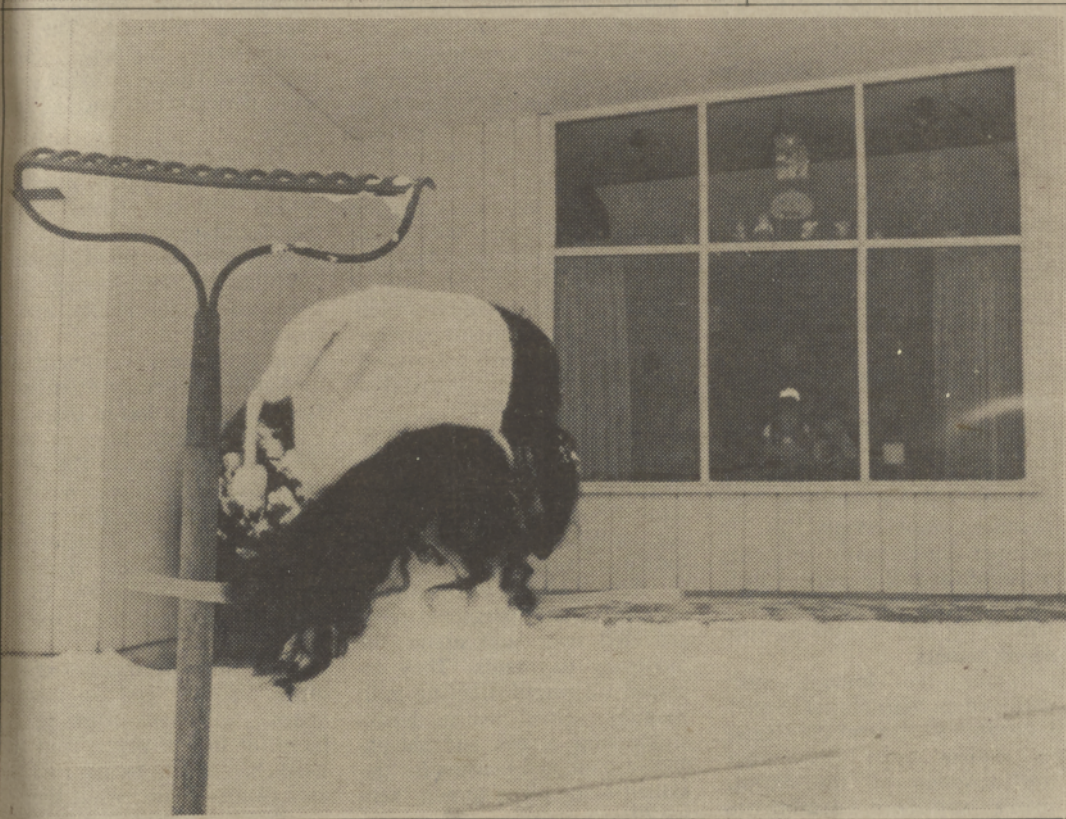


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First Flakes Fun For Kids



School kids in many parts of Central Oregon had a day's reprieve from the classroom Monday, November 20 as the season's first snowstorm hit the area over the weekend. Warm Springs kids had 7" of slippery, slidy white stuff to frolic in and no doubt returned to school the next day with cases of sniffles as well as coats that refused to dry out.

Morris "Flood" Johnson and his friends tried to pursue their favorite summer sport on the slick roads in West Hills but met with less than smooth results (upper left).

Ada Billey and Jewel Wini-shut opted for a more traditional form of winter enjoyment on another West Hills street (above), while an unidentified free spirit rode her bucking saucer down a more treacherous slope.

The Calica kids were content to stay inside and have a staring contest with the snowlady that their older sister had fashioned for them.



Teaching Your Preschool Child, Part Two

prepared by Betsy Sunvair, Reading Specialist for the Redmond School District. It contains many practical ideas for working with your preschooler to prepare him for school.)

The Bathtub Scientist

Water is a part of every child's play — in the kitchen sink, in a backyard pool or garden hose, and especially in the bathtub. With the bathtub as her laboratory and household things as her equipment, every child can become a bathtub scientist.

Besides the tub and toys, your child needs time. Time to have a good time, time to find out what happens.

Water play provides lots of valuable learning in language as well as science. Talk about the water. It is wet, it whooshes and whirls, splashes and sprinkles, ripples and bubbles, rushes and gurgles, streams and trickles.

Stir, pour, splash, smack, sprinkle, suck, and blow are words for how children can move water. Measure, full, empty, half, float, sink, submerge, bubble, propel, speed, force are some of the science and math words of water play.

There are many magic discoveries to be made when your young scientist takes to the tub.

Make a bathtub barge using the top of a plastic egg carton. Get some things that are light and some things that are heavy. How many things can your child load in the barge without sinking it?

A plastic bottle with a cap can be a submarine. Empty, it floats on top of the water. Half

full, it floats partly submerged. Full up, it sinks.

An eggbeater can become a boat propeller. Show your child how to churn the water up behind the boat to make it go. Let him try the eggbeater with a soap solution; it isn't blowing, but it's making bubbles.

Thin wire bent into a loop makes a bubble blower to dip in a soap solution.

A plastic straw can make bubbles, too. A soapy solution in a cup can be used to make bubbles in the air. While he's experimenting, he can learn the difference between blowing out and sucking in.

For a spray maker, provide a plastic eye dropper or an ear syringe. They can squirt some lovely sprays — and teach your child something about suction.

A tin pan held under the bathtub faucet (don't turn the water on too hard!) makes an interesting noisemaker.

Show your child that the farther away from the faucet he holds it, the louder the noise gets. Let him feel the difference in the pressure with his hand, too. As things fall farther — they go faster and faster, and hit harder and harder.

A plastic container and a set of plastic measuring cups or small plastic pitcher provide practice in pouring accurately. Talk about how many big cupfuls it takes to fill the container; how many more small cupfuls it takes. Let him feel the weight of the water, too. Why not weigh different amounts of water on the bathroom scales?

From The Jr. High

With the first nine-weeks just over Madras Jr. High School would like to congratulate those students on the honor roll. Seventh graders on the honor roll are Anita Bryant, Marcus Mosley and Darcy Whipple. Eighth graders on the list are William Bagley, Jerome Davis, Joseph Wini-shut and Roman Suppah.

Also, the following students are to be commended on perfect attendance for the first nine weeks of school. The seventh graders are Jolene Johnson, Lonita Leno, Alexandria Smith, Jamesina Smith, Dina Smith, Janell Smith, Darcy Whipple and Lisa Zamora. Those eighth graders with perfect attendance are Raynele Palmer, Clinton Smith, Troy Smith, Robert Strong and Cyril Wolfe.