

Summer Academy successful and fun for teachers and students

At the end of the school year Dawn Smith, Warm Springs Elementary School Principal, and the teachers began planning for Summer Academy. The first day was July 6 and the last day is tomorrow, July 30.

Summer Academy was a fun learning experience for children Kindergarten through Fourth grades. The students did school projects with hands-on, discovery learning and attended field trips to various locations learning about rocks, plants, the stars.

This was also a time for teachers to be with the students during part of the summer. "We wouldn't lose them for the whole summer," says Smith. The students continue to learn at a different pace that is comfortable for the students and the teachers.

The focus is different in the lessons prepared by the teachers because the teachers are allowed to be more personal and do things the way they wanted to. The classes had developed themes in their lesson plans and there was little paperwork involved. Having less paperwork was less stressful because the teaching was not by state standards, it is "Discovery

Learning." There were a total of 275 students who attended. That's two-thirds of the student body, "that makes it a success," adds Smith.

When Smith became the Principal at Warm Springs Elementary she began talking with the school board and the Superintendent Phil Riley about ways to make Summer Academy happen. Smith then wrote a proposal for ESL funding, which is for any Native American students who qualify for extra funding. She of course made sure the teachers wanted to because they wanted to use their own teachers.

The proposal was approved, the staff started putting it together and it happened. Many are excited and enjoying it.

Because this was the first year the teachers are finding out ways that it can be better for next year. Smith also states that they may be able to allow other kids from the community join as long as they are signed up. Kids that are visiting family in the community for the summer.

During Summer Academy the students were allowed to eat breakfast

and lunch free of charge at the school cafeteria. This will continue at the Community Wellness Center for Recreation activities.

This week students in the third and fourth grade tie-dyed T-shirts to wear on their trip to the zoo on July 27.

First grade classes tie-dyed T-shirts using natural plant colors. They are learning about plants. They also have their own garden planted.

First grade classes also planted new plants by the school building and school sign.

Second grade students began a project of making dots. Their goal is to make a million dots. At first it was only the second grade classes, then teachers and other grade levels began to help. Now they seek the assistance of other community members who are willing to make dots. As of July 27 the dot count is at 800,000.

In talking with the students the thing they enjoyed most was the field trips, recess and the mini classes held July 12-16. At the mini-classes teachers taught crafts to the students.

Next year they will have worked out any little kinks and look forward to another fun summer.



Deanna LaPage teaches her class about the new plants by the school.



Tying the shirts for dying.



Dying the shirts.



Tie, dye, and then wear. Kids wore these to the zoo.



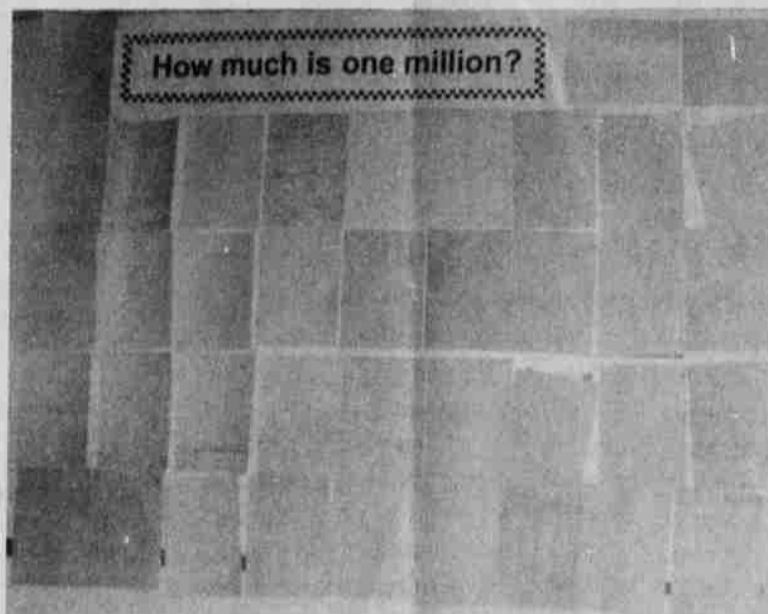
Flower arrangements were made during the first grade field trip to Jefferson County Ranch.

"I like the field trips to the Cove, the Zoo and I like recess," Tonya Boise

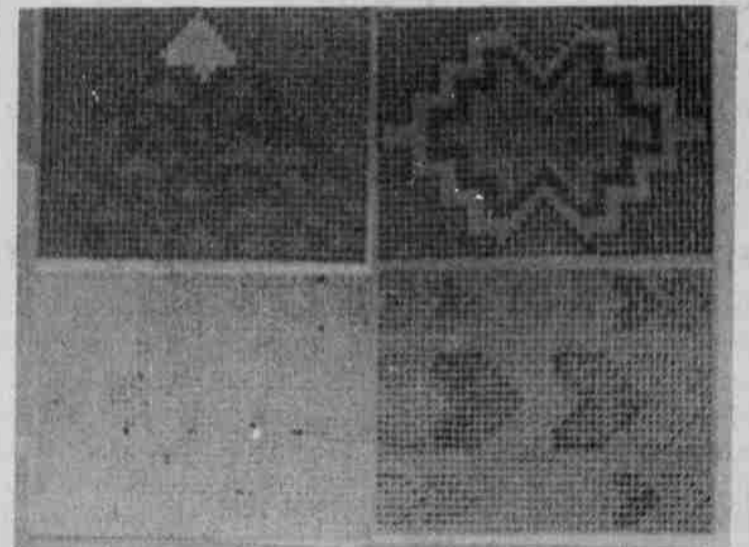
"I like the field trips the best," Leanna Boise

"I like the mini classes," Shanell Kalama

Forty-one more days until school starts



What does one-million dots look like? Come to Warm Springs Elementary and see.



Rows of dots are done creatively.

Warm Springs COIC students to sign poetry books

The Warm Springs COIC class invites the whole community to a poetry book signing, Thursday, July 29, 7 PM at the Community Center. "The Warm Springs COIC class started writing poetry in November, 1998 as part of an English assignment, explained COIC teacher Cathy Hosford. "I soon discovered that a lot of my students wrote poetry at home while others had never written poetry before. "It was an interesting combination."

Hosford said she had previously entered her own poetry in two national contests and thought it would be exciting for the students to enter their own poetry in the International Library of Poetry contest.

After Christmas some of her students received notice that they were going to be published in the International Library of Poetry anthology.

Participants include Lei Calica, William Esquiro, Kym Estimo, Isaac George, Tony Gilbert, Heleena Henry, Robert Howe, Nicole Jack, Wendi Johnson, Esty Made, Virginia McKinley, Thomas Medina, Adrienne Merrifield, Sharondee Mitchell, Veronica Russell, Andrea Sohapp, Lionel Smith, and Tashina Smith. "These are the students who heard the good news first," says Hosford. "We are still waiting to hear about some of the other students who have sent in their poems at a



COIC teacher, Cathy Hosford

later date. Cathy Hosford said, "I think the students poetry is very insightful and moving. She said she spoke with her students in April about the possibility of making a book of all their poems.

"This was a new experience for all of us so it was a learning process on how to make the book so it would look both professional and afford-

able. Hosford contacted several book publishers and determined that the price was too high. She then decided to produce the poetry books "in-house" doing both design and construction ourselves. "I typed all the poems on my computer and some of the kids drew illustrations or picked out graphics for their poetry. I copied the original artwork onto the pages with a copy machine and then I

printed the poetry on the pages." Ms Hosford then sewed the book together using her sewing machine. She spent over 50 hours on just the layout and more additional time on the printing and putting it together. COIC paid for the book paper along with other materials.

"The time I've spent on the layout has been rewarding for me," Hosford said. "I am really happy and proud of my students for what they have accomplished. I am also really happy with the way the book turned out."

Cathy said she hopes the Warm Springs community will support these students during their book signing day, July 29, 7 PM at the Community Center. She encourages the community to take the time and the interest to read the book. "I think it will also help them better understand their students and feel proud of their accomplishments."

The students book of poems will sell for \$7 per copy and the money will go to a scholarship fund for the students' college education.

"Next year I would like the students to do photography as the background for their poems. I could sure use some help with this," concludes Hosford.

For more information or questions, please call Cathy Hosford, at the Madras COIC office, 475-7118.

Early Head Start program to begin Sept. 1

In September 1998, the Early Childhood Education department began planning for an Early Head Start program. Now, the planning year for the EHS program is almost at it's end with services beginning on September 1. Early Head Start is a federally funded community-based program that serves families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women.

The Warm Springs Early Head Start will be home-based. This means that it is not a full-day childcare

program. Early Head Start services will be primarily delivered in the families' home, with each family visiting the facility one time a week for group socialization activities.

Seven positions are now being advertised including: a program Administrator, Secretary III, one Family Interventionist and four Home Visitors.

Recruitment of EHS families will soon be underway. Please call the Early Childhood Education for information at 553-3241/3242.

Selam attends Careers in Health program

Three Jefferson County students attended the five day "Careers in Health" summer program from July 6-10, 1999. The Jefferson County participants were Rebecca Locke and Leila Wolf of Madras and Koosh Selam of Warm Springs.

There were a total of forty five summer program attendees, representing ten different Oregon counties. The goal of the program is introduce participants to a wide diversity of health careers. During the week long program, which was based at Central Oregon Community College (COCC) in Bend, students visited departments at St. Charles Medical Center, discussed various health and

medical specialties with guest speakers, shadowed a health professional of similar interests for 4 hours, visited several community health care facilities and participated in a mock trauma exercise organized by the EMT Mobile Training Unit.

This is the sixth year the program has taken place. The program is organized by the Area Health Education Center's of Southern Oregon (based in Roseburg) and Cascades East Region and sponsored by St. Charles Medical Center and Central Oregon Community College. Scholarship for students in Jefferson County were provided by Commission of Children and Families of Jefferson County.