

Grade schoolers observe Children's Book Week



3rd grade students work on their door

lone elementary school pupils have decorated classroom doors and participated in other projects for Children's Book Week. On Tuesday, students and teachers stopped whatever they were doing and read for five minutes when school librarian Betty Carlson announced "Read Out" over the intercom. Each of the classes also wrote a stanza for a poem, "Good Books-Good Times," which will decorate the library door.

Mrs. Marlene Davison's kindergarten class has enjoyed the story of Snow White along with the accompanying songs and records. Their door is decorated with a picture of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs from the Walt Disney version of the book.

The first grade decorated a door for the book "The Snake That Sneezed." They invited students from other grades to come to hear the story which is about a snake who swallowed a rabbit, peacock, elephant, giraffe, kangaroo and lion. As the story is read first graders show the door picture which has lift up flaps to show the animals inside the snake.

The first grade also published a class book called "Happiness Is—". Each child wrote and illustrated a page telling things that make them happy, said their teacher Betty Rietmann.

The second grade decorated a door for the book "Hot Air Henry." They watched an educational series called Reading Rainbow and were able to hear the story narrated by LaVar Burton, said teacher Sharon Morris.

Mrs. Barbara Collin's third grade class did two doors for National Book Week. The girls designed a picture from the book "Miss Nelson is Back," by James Marshall showing the class, the teacher and the

principal. The boys made monsters from their imaginations to illustrate their book, "Where the Wild Things Are," by Maurice Sendak.

Children in Mrs. Diana Kincaid's fourth grade class are learning to do library research and make reports for social studies. One of their favorite subjects is ancient Egypt, said Kincaid, so they chose to do their door decoration on a resource book, "The Treasures of Tutankhamen." Each child drew a picture of an artifact found in the tomb and displayed it on black paper that represents the darkness in the tomb for thousands of years. New vocabulary words found in the research are also listed.

Fourth graders also did a study in literature class about Aesop, the Greek slave, who told fables. They then had to find a favorite fable in three sources and then write a version of the fable complete with moral, and illustration.

The 15 students in Laura Broderick's fifth grade worked together to design and assemble a door decoration representing their favorite book character Paddington. The children drew pictures of Paddington to represent book covers.

The fifth grade has produced a book entitled "Fifth Grade Paragraphs." It contains all the basic elements of a book including a dedication to Mrs. Carlson "Because she taught us about the library."

The sixth grade decorated a door for the book "The Summer of the Swans," by Betsy Byars. This book is a Newberry award winner along with National Children's Book Week.

Each of the sixth graders has written his own 35 page book on a topic of his own choice. Presently, each student is writing a poem book, said sixth grade teacher Mark Jones.



Left to Right: Dawn Boor, Joey Greisen, Jon Humphreys and Jacob Taylor show off their door

Seniors list prize winners

By Justine Weatherford
The prize winners at the Thursday, Nov. 14 Senior Center Benefit card party were Dot Halvorsen - first, Sue Vinson - second, and Darrell Vinson - low for pinocle;

while Daisy Collins won first, Bill Collins, second and Dr. Wolff, low for bridge. The evening's door prize went to Tom Wilson.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, the noon hour was a special time for Edith Babb who was honored a little ahead of her 95th birthday with singing and the sharing of a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream. She acknowledged the attention nicely saying how much she enjoys the senior meals and the friendships she has made there by coming almost every Wednesday noon.

This week, Nov. 20, a traditional Thanksgiving dinner is scheduled. The cooks, Mel Hammons and Eleanor Gony, prepared a fine turkey and all the extras. The names of the winners of the three cords of firewood were being announced.

Next week there will not be a Wednesday noon meal because of the holiday on Thursday. Therefore, the next senior meal is set for noon on December 4.

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