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MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT
Hunt, Idaho

NURSERY SCHOOLS

For two weeks ending Nov. 14, 1942

Same as last week

All 5 nursery schools are now in full swing. With an enrollment of 99 children, nursery schools II, IV and V opened its doors on Monday the 9th. By Wednesday, the children were settling down and mothers were leaving them with more ease. Two of the nursery schools were without tables and chairs so the teachers are to be commended for the adjustment they had to make to keep the children happy.

Nursery school III in Block 26, has been affected by the chickenpox epidemic in that sector. The attendance has dropped from 23 to 12 this week.

Small chairs and a few low tables were distributed on Saturday, so beginning next week, the recreational halls will look more like a nursery school.

Jeanne Mori
Supervisor

MINIDOKA W.R.A. PROJECT

Hunt, Idaho

Nov. 23, 1942

NURSERY SCHOOLS

Report for the week of Nov. 16th to 21st.

A day spent in each of the Nursery Schools this week, showed me that each school is competing with the others to see which can make up the most attractive school. The recreational halls have been transformed into attractive rooms for children to romp around in.

The need for more toys is great. The crate of toys from the Japanese Baptist Kindergarten-Nursery in Seattle have been divided equally. The band instruments, slide, teeter-totter playhouse equipment, and the Victrola and records will be rotated each week from one Nursery School to another so that all of the children might benefit by them.

The storm at the beginning of the week brought a slump in our attendance but by the end of the week, almost all of the children were back.

Jeanne Mori
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho

Week ending Nov. 28, 1942

In spite of the muddy grounds, the attendance for the week did not decline. The teachers spent most of the mornings taking off and putting on boots and rubbers as the children must be taken to outside wash-rooms and bathrooms. Many of the tots, during the week, learned how to put on their own rubbers so may be the mud was a good lesson material after all.

Nursery School No. 4 in Recreational Hall #34 had an upsetting time when the hall began to be used for movies. Many of the things were torn down from the walls, chairs were broken and decorations in the hall were destroyed. The Nursery school is getting ready to move to its new quarters in Recreational Hall #36.

Jeanne Mori
Nursery School Supervisor

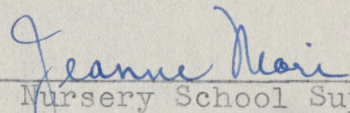
MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Dec. 7, 1942

Report for the week of Nov. 30th - Dec. 5th.

The Nursery Schools are busy getting ready for Christmas. The children are learning all the simple carols as well as songs about Santa Claus. Most of the older ones are making gifts for their fathers and mothers and also Christmas tree decorations. They are anticipating with great joy the thought of having a Christmas tree in their school.

The teachers, too, have been busy decorating the recreational halls to give them a touch of Christmas. I hope that these Nursery Schools will be visited during the morning hours when the schools are in session so that one can see the rooms as well as the children singing.


Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. George Townsend

Community Service

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Dec. 14, 1942

Report for the week of Dec. 7th - 12th. NURSERY SCHOOLS

All week gifts for the Nursery Schools have been arriving from the eastern states, mostly from the Baptist Churches and Young Peoples' groups. These are gifts besides those they are sending for the project block parties. Many of these gifts are being turned over to the project plan for Christmas so that there will be plenty to choose from for each individual child. If there are some left over, the Christmas committee has consented to give them to the Nursery Schools.

We were visited this week by Mrs. Evans and Miss Yamaguchi of the hospital staff. We feel that we shall get far with the health of the children with their cooperation.

Jeanne H. Mori
Nursery School Supervisor

Mrs. Sakamoto

Report officer
Community Services

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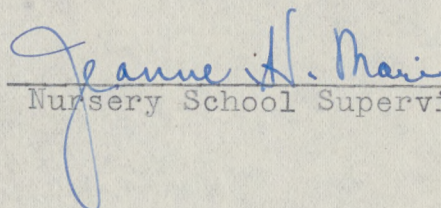
MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Dec. 21, 1942

Report for the week of Dec. 14th - 19th. NURSERY SCHOOLS

Gifts for the parents have been made, songs for Christmas have been learned, the trees have been decorated and all is ready for Santa's visit. The children can think of nothing else. This week a box of 400 home-made cookies have arrived from our friends in Seattle. Santa napkins were also included in the box so now we can have a really party.

Because so many more toys than we had expected have arrived, we decided to give each Nursery School child a gift to take home.


Nursery School Supervisor

Mrs. Sakamoto !

Mrs. Sakamoto

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
Dec. 28, 1942

Report for the week of Dec. 21st - 26th.

More toys than we had expected arrived on the project for Hunt's Christmas party so on Tuesday, the teachers busily wrapped gifts for each child in the Nursery Schools. On Wednesday, the children took home their gifts to their mothers and fathers.

Santa's visit to each one of the Nursery Schools on Thursday morning was such a happy occasion. Mr. Dan Sheen, Superintendent of Constructions, made the best Santa for even the two year olds went boldly up to him to receive their gifts and to shake Santa's hand. Miss Bennett was Santa's aide. With a gift from Santa, a popcorn ball from the elementary school staff and a stockingfull of cookies sent to us from Seattle, the children went home all smiles and laughter. The parents, too, rejoiced in their children's happiness.

Jeane H. Mori
Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. George Townsend

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
January 4, 1942

Report for the week of Dec. 28th - Jan. 2nd.

This week was a very quiet week compared to that of Christmas week. The children were settling down to the regular routine again but this time with more toys to play with. Most of the week was spent in sorting and dividing the old toys that had been sent to the project but could not be used for Christmas gifts.

Two girls have sent in their resignations to relocate but plan to stay on until their releases are here.

Jeanne Thoin
Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. Townsend

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Jan. 12, 1943

Report for the week of Jan. 4th - 9th.

The Nursery School in Recreational Hall # 14 was given a one hour notice to move to Recreational Hall # 16 on Monday so there was much confusion in that school. To our surprise though, nine new children have been added to the enrollment of that school now that the school is closer to blocks 17 and 19.

Plans are being made to move the supplies at present stored in Rec. Hall # 4 to a permanent place where the teachers may find access to them. No place has been large enough, so far.

Jeannette H. Marie
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

Mr. Townsend.

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Jan. 18, 1943

Report for the week of Jan. 11th - Jan. 16th, 1943

Five girls are planning to leave the Nursery School staff in the next two weeks to accept outside employment or to continue their college education. New girls will be taken on beginning this week and girls on the staff now will be re-assigned so that the work will continue smoothly.

A program of contacting the parents individually will begin this week to put the parent's mind at ease to the rumor of epidemics.

Jeannette H. Main
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

Miss Yasaki

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Jan. 25, 1943

Report for the week of Jan. 18th - 23rd.

Due to shifts in the Nursery School staff and also sickness among the teachers, we had one of the most hectic weeks since the opening of the schools.

We are looking forward to having our low tables and cupboards delivered, now that we have had word that they are being made. The cupboards will add to the atmosphere of the rooms, with everything out of sight.

Jeannette H. Marie
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

To Chiye Yasaki
Community Activities
Office

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
Feb. 1, 1943

Report for the week of Jan. 25th - 30th.

For the past five months, each Nursery School staff carried out the theme of each month with their own ideas but the shifting of teachers has created many new problems. Beginning this week and to be continued for another week, teachers will meet together twice a week on "Lesson Planning". Emphasis will be made on uniformity with each situation to be considered.

We are still looking for teachers to replace the girls that will be leaving soon.

Jeane H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Feb. 8, 1943

Report for the week of Feb. 1, - 6.

Six months have passed since the Nursery School program was started so we stop now to see how far we have progressed and where we need to go from here.

From 2 schools we have expanded to 5, our enrollment has increased from 50 to 210, and our staff has been enlarged from 8 to 20. Our schools now have the essential equipment and supplies needed to have a well-rounded program, except for the low tables and cupboards that are being made now; Teachers have become acquainted with families of the children and parents, too, are coming to the teachers with their children's problems.

We need now to find new books to help teachers make lesson plans, hold classes on Child Psychology, and plan a program whereby the teachers may observe techniques in teaching to improve their own methods of teaching.

Leanne H. Mori

Supervisor of Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
Feb. 15, 1943

Report for the week of Feb. 8th - 13th, 1943.

Plans have been completed this week on a program of instruction on Communicable Diseases, Skin Diseases and Prevention of Illnesses for the Nursery School teachers. Miss Cona, Public Health Nurse will meet with us beginning on Monday, February 15th for instruction as well as visiting each Nursery School to demonstrate daily inspection of children. Not only will the children be inspected daily, but long absences will be followed up by a call into the home by the Public Health Nurse or by her Nurse's Aides.

Leanne H. Moir
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
Feb. 22, 1943

Report for the week of Feb. 15th - 20th, 1943.

In spite of the fact that so many of the Nursery School staff have resigned to take outside employment, we have been very fortunate to find girls interested and with the right personality to take their places. It has been very difficult in setting up our program as experienced teachers have to be shifted around constantly so as to lighten the load on the schools where new teachers are assigned.

The way the parents are responding to the health program that we, with the help of Miss A. Cona, Public Health Nurse, have started has been very encouraging. Children with skin diseases have been checked and have been referred to the doctor when necessary. Many parents have been asked to take their children to the dentist and appointments are being made for other children who do not need immediate care.

Jeannette H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
March 1, 1943

Report for the week of February 22nd - 27th.

A schedule for observing in the Kindergarten rooms in both Stafford and Huntville Schools has been set up this week. Nursery School teachers in schools No. I and II will observe in Huntville School during the afternoon hours beginning on Wednesday, March 3rd and teachers in Nursery Schools III, IV and V will observe in Stafford School beginning on the same date and time.

Nursery School No. I in Rec. Hall 4 has been affected by a cold epidemic in that sector. We have been very fortunate to have Miss Cona, Public Health Nurse and her assistants call in the homes almost daily in cases where children have been very ill.

Jeanne H. Davis
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
March 8, 1943

Report for the week of March 1st - 6th, 1943.

The Nursery School teachers spent most of the week in filling out family information and past medical history for each child's physical records in preparation for the physical examinations. Miss Cona will have charge of the examinations which will be started next week.

Jeanne H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
March 15, 1943

Report for the week of March 8th - 13th, 1943.

We are still in the midst of our physical examinations conducted by the Public Health Nurse, Miss A. Cona. The examinations are going faster and smoother than we had expected them to so we shall be through with all of the Nurssry Schools ahead of schedule.

Jeanne H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
March 22, 1943

Report for the week of March 15th - 20th, 1943.

We have completed physical examinations in three of the Nursery Schools now with two more left for next week. When the examinations have been completed in all of the schools, a combined report will be made to see what defects need to be cared for immediately.

The peidemic of colds among the young children has affected our Nursery Schools and our attendance has dropped to almost half these past two weeks. By Friday, many of the children were back and we were once more back to normalcy.

/s/ Jeanne H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
March 29, 1943

Report for the week of March 22nd - 27th, 1943.

Physical examinations for all of the five Nursery Schools have been completed. No child was frightened to tears! In the near future, we hope to examine all of the children who were sick and could not be present to be examined. The outstanding thing that we observed was to see the pearly, white teeth of the younger generation.

Nursery Schools in Rec. Halls # 4 and # 16 have had to close for a few days while the carpenters seal in the walls.

Jeane H. Mori
Supervisor - Nursery Schools

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Mr. George Townsend

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

April 5, 1943

Report for the week of March 29th--April 3rd, 1943

The Nursery School attendance broke former records and reached a new high average. The report for this week is as follows:

Highest attendance-----173

Lowest attendance-----153

Average attendance-----163

During the month of March, we reached our lowest and highest attendance since the day when all five schools were opened. Now with warmer weather on its way, we hope that more parents will take this opportunity to train their children in community life.

Supervisor--Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
April 20, 1943

Report for the week of April 12th - 17th, 1943.

Miss Jeanne Mori resigned on Monday, April 12, to accept a position in Evanston, New York. Miss Mori's services in the organization and continuation of the nursery school program have been invaluable. It will be most difficult to replace her.

The nursery schools in blocks 26, 36, and 40 are still closed for construction work. The teachers are making some home-calls and visiting other teachers during the interim. We hope to resume activities at least in Rec. 26 next week.

Attendance has been fine in nursery school 4 and 16. The rapid turnover of teachers makes the problem somewhat complicated but a few stand-bys seem to carry on and give the program a desirable continuity. We are looking forward eagerly to the day in which we can have an all-day nursery school. Partitions will be necessary before this can be done.

Supplies from the Christmas donations were shared with nursery school teachers.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
April 28, 1943

Nursery Report for the week of April 19-24, 1943

All nursery schools except 36 are open again. Enrollment has been quite regular. Enthusiasm, both on the part of the children and the teachers, seems high. The nursery school teachers from Block 26, 36, and 40 met with me in the office, Tuesday, April 20, to discuss how teachers' time should be spent during the periods when construction was underway and schools closed. It was decided that teachers should visit other nurseries, kindergarten, and primary rooms and should make home-calls during the time when school was not in session. Plans were made for the future. It was decided that periodic meetings should be held for the complete nursery school staff with me until a supervisor can be secured. First meeting of this sort will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. in Rec. 32.

The question was discussed with the teachers as to advisability of hiring women to teach in nursery schools who have children attending the nursery in which they would be working. The teachers agreed that this should be avoided in so far as possible. If mothers of little children are to be used, then they probably should be assigned to a building other than the one in which their child attends.

Attractive window decorations have been planned in each nursery, and the environment is particularly inviting.

We are all looking forward to the day when we can have an all-day nursery school session.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

MINIDOKA NURSERY SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

May 5, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT # 17

DATE: April 26 to May 1, 1943

TO: Mr. Townsend, Chief of Comm. Service

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elem. Principal

All nursery schools have been opened again and attendance is up to a maximum. These recreations halls have been sealed and the appearance is greatly enhanced.

Several illnesses have occurred on the nursery school staff, and we were forced to call upon high school home-making classes for assistance in the emergency. This seemed to work out well. We are seriously considering the idea of nursery school work becoming a part of work experience for some high school girls. Nursery school teachers report that several new children are being enrolled the last few weeks.

All nursery school teachers are to meet in the principal's office next Wednesday, May 5, to discuss problems, plans, and so forth.

A Caucasian Supervisor has been secured for the nursery schools. A problem which we are confronting is where to house her office.

Nursery school teachers and parents plan to take an active part in the newly organized P.T.A.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 11, 1943

Mrs. Pomeroy

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #18

DATE: May 3 to May 8, 1943
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services
FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Attendance at nursery schools is increasing somewhat lately. We have a feeling that it will increase still more as the labor shortage becomes more critical, and more mothers accept jobs. The problem of all-day nurseries must be given serious consideration to meet this community need.

Miss Dirksen, newly appointed supervisor, is expected to arrive in the near future. Nursery school teachers met with the Principal in Stafford School office, May 5 to discuss problems and plans. It was a most enthusiastic meeting and plans were made to continue these meetings every two weeks.

The morale of nursery school teachers was considerably raised when they were informed that those who had never gone to Twin Falls should make application for passes.

Due to serious illness of two nursery school teachers, we were forced to call upon high school girls to relieve the situation for three days. Our request was well received by Mrs. Corkhill. The nursery school teachers report that high school girls' service was quite satisfactory. We are considering this field as a possible extension for the work experience program in high school. It would give a splendid opportunity for actual experience in Child Care and would be a financial saving to us from an administrative point of view.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho
May 18, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #19

DATE: May 10 to May 15, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

There is still quite a shortage in nursery school teachers. The applicants to date have been older Issei women who present the language problem. We may need to resort to this finally, but at this time, we do not feel disposed to add this language handicap to the child's own handicap. Nursery school teachers, who are on the job, are being relocated and leaving us as we have expected. The teachers are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Miss Dirksen, new nursery supervisor.

Nursery school teachers are very enthusiastic over the privilege of a pass to town for those who have never gone. They are going a few at a time so that does not work too much of a hardship on the remaining teachers.

Mrs. Corkhill, high school teacher, is cooperating with us in furnishing high school girls to fill in in nursery school work when an emergency exists.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 25, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #20

Mr. Pomeroy
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DATE: May 17 to May 22, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett, Elementary Principal

Nursery school teachers are still taking leave on given days to go to Twin Falls. This includes only those who have never gone, and seems to be a great boost to morale. Mrs. Corkhill, Home Economics Department, has been especially cooperative about sending high school girls to help out in the nursery schools on the days when teachers are away. This gives the girls a fine learning experience and is certainly helpful to us.

Nursery school teachers met in the Stafford School office at 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, May 19. Their enthusiasm and splendid attitude makes working with them a complete joy. Miss Fitzsimons was presented to them and brought along several useful mimeographed sheets for distribution. She talked with them, volunteered her services, and encouraged discussion of their problems. The meeting seemed most worthwhile.

When the subject of all-day nurseries was approached, there was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm. This, we believe, is highly understandable but can be altered. Some preliminary groundwork is being laid at the present time, but we feel that this need, as expressed by the community for an all-day nursery, will move faster and more satisfactorily under the direction of Miss Dirksen, when she arrives.

The problem of shade for Story Hour and Relaxation outdoors seems to be worrying the nursery school teachers considerably. We were asked if it would be possible to investigate the purchase of beach umbrellas from areas where beaches might be closed for the summer. Two of these large used umbrellas to a nursery school would help to solve this problem of shade considerably. It seems that planting has been done, in several cases, right up to the building on the shady side. The pressing need for sand-boxes was again expressed.

Plans were made to meet two weeks from Wednesday.

A compiled requisition was sent in for three months' supplies for nursery schools.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 1, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report No. 21

DATE: May 23 to May 20, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend
Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

Two nursery school teachers were terminated this past week and plan to relocate outside the Project. Their plans had been known in advance so that teachers were partially trained to replace them.

Enrollment in the nursery schools still seems to be growing.

Supplies for the next three months have been ordered for the nursery schools.

Several Bingo Beds and additional toys were donated to the nursery schools from Cascade Locks, Oregon. These will be distributed soon.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 8, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report

DATE: May 31 to June 5, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend
Chief of Community Services

FROM: Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

Nursery school teachers met in the Stafford School office, Wednesday, June 2 at 1:45 p.m. to discuss their problems. There was considerable demand for additional staff, and a fine opportunity was made available for discussion of new project policies and a statement that we must shift and adjust within our own department, rather than expect additional members. Adjustment was made in the assignment, and the present staff prepared to carry on without additional members.

The problem of the nursery school rooms being used for other activities was discussed and has been acted upon by Mr. Townsend.

A tea was planned honoring Miss Dirken, supervisor of nurseries, for Monday. Committees were organized and responsibilities divided.

Several nursery school teachers volunteered to spend an afternoon a week helping Mr. Pomeroy get caught up in his office work.

Mildred E. Bennett
Elementary Principal

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 15, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery report #23

DATE: June 7 to June 12, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend
Chief of Community Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen
Supervisor of Nursery Schools

Nursery School teachers met in Recreation Hall 26 in my office, Saturday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss their problems and ask questions concerning their particular needs. There is still a demand for additional staff since more children are enrolling everyday and two teachers have recently terminated.

We decided to hold our teachers' meeting every Saturday at 9:00 a. m. in my office in Rec. Hall 26.

Several nursery school teachers offered their secretarial services to Mr. Pomeroy. Miss Kay Amatatsu offered to help out afternoons of this week.

Since the weather is getting warmer, and the doors must be opened for ventilation, there is a need for screen doors.

A weekly lesson plan form was presented to the teachers. It was decided to use it since it would be of a great help to a substitute teacher coming in.

Miss Hoshide, who has been with the nursery school since they started, plans to relocate. We will miss her as she has been doing very fine work.

We discussed the need for an all-day nursery, and the problems dealing with outdoor play, sleeping and lunch hours.

Katherine Dirksen
Supervisor of Nursery Schools

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 22, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #24

Mr. Pomeroy
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DATE: June 14 to June 19, 1943

TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Miss Rose Kawaguchi has been accepted as a nursery school teacher in Rec. 26 since Miss Hoshide terminated this past week. Miss Kay Amatatsu is now the head teacher.

The enrollment is steadily increasing. We have 236 children enrolled at the present time. A demand for additional staff is urgent. We need replacements.

The teachers are making lists of all children who will enter kindergarten this fall. A new total enrollment list will also be ready soon.

Four teachers helped sort out supplies, and toys in Warehouse #14, ~~the~~ materials and supplies donated by various organizations outside the Project to be distributed among the schools here. The staff is very happy to have these supplies as they have been wanting them for some time. We are very grateful for these donations.

Since the weather is more favorable, the teachers have taken their nursery school groups out on exploration trips. The children enjoy these greatly.

At our weekly staff meeting, Saturday morning the subject of good posture was discussed. More emphasis will be placed on games and exercises helping the child with good posture.

The teachers are very happy to get the nursery school tables which are available on the Project. The nurseries will be much more attractive with these little tables. The seating problem will also be much improved.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
June 28, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #25

Mr. Pomeroy
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DATE: June 21 to June 25, 1943
TO: Mr. George Townsend
Chief of Community Services
FROM: Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

Two nursery school staff members have recently terminated and are relocating. We are very happy to report that Miss Kyoko Kodama has been accepted and is being placed in Recreation Hall 40 Nursery School. Miss Kimi Barbara Oki has been accepted and is teaching in Recreation Hall 16. We welcome these teachers to our staff.

At our weekly staff meetings, we are discussing the subject, "Some Ways of Distinguishing a Good Nursery School." The staff reports this discussion to be very helpful and interesting.

The teachers in Rec. 40 and 16 are planning to present a musical selection at the next Huntville P. T. A. meeting to be held July 13. All teachers are anxious to affiliate with either the Huntville or Stafford P. T. A. organization.

At our next weekly staff meeting we plan to discuss certain Levels of Abilities which are characteristic of children at two years age level. Certain standards for evaluating child growth are essential in record making. We plan to make out a form soon which we will be using in all our nurseries.

Lists have recently been prepared of children who are ready to enter Kindergarten this fall. Nursery school enrollment records are completed. At the present time we have 233 children.

An inventory of all supplies and equipment in each nursery school is being compiled.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
July 5, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #26

Mr. Pomeroy
W. H. Pomeroy
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DATE: June 28 to July 3, 1943
TO: Mr. George Townsend, Chief of Community Services
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Attendance of nursery schools is increasing lately. Quite a number of children who have recently had the measles are returning. New pupils are enrolling every week. Quite a number are relocating, also.

We had quite a number of press and radio men visiting our schools during Thursday and Friday of this past week. They were surprised to find that parents did not have to pay for the care of their children in nurseries.

All nursery schools have been supplied with some essential first aid supplies. We are very happy to have these since the dispensary has closed. At our staff meetings we plan to have lessons on the administrating of first aid.

We are happy to report that Miss Kawaguchi who has been ill is with us again. Two nursery school teachers were given leaves of absence to attend the Baptist Church Convention being held at a summer camp near Sun Valley, Idaho. Plans were made in advance by the teachers leaving, so we have substitutes taking their places. Substitute arrangements were made by shifting some nursery school staff.

At our nursery school staff meeting Friday we discussed the abilities of children at the two and three year age level. When we have completed these observations and discussions of various ages, we will have some standard form for evaluating child growth and development. We plan to record these in a card index file from time to time.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
July 12, 1943

Mr. de Young

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #27

DATE: July 5 to July 10, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy
Acting Chief of Community Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

Recently we took pictures of each nursery school and also of each of the nursery school staff. Parents are anxious to have pictures as they haven't been able to take pictures of their youngsters for some time. The teachers are taking orders for them now.

We discussed the abilities of children at the three and four year levels at our weekly teachers' meeting Friday afternoon at 1:45 in Rec. Hall 26. More and more teachers are taking part in the discussions. We find them very helpful in determining what children are capable of doing at various ages.

The musical entertainment numbers for Huntville P. T. A. July 13 at 7:30 p.m. will be furnished by the nurseries in Rec. Halls 4 and 16. Teachers are sending invitations to parents. The goodly number of the nursery school staff plan to attend this meeting.

Since we are reducing our nursery school staff we hope to begin all day nurseries this week. The two and three year old children will meet in the forenoons from 9:30 to 11:30. The four and five year olds will meet from 1:15 to 2:30 in the afternoons. With the increasing enrollment greater efficiency of service will be rendered by the teachers if the children are divided into more similar age groups. The children will also enjoy and gain more by being in smaller groups.

The following nursery school teachers will be asked to terminate because of the recent W. R. A. policy of reducing employees on the Project:

Miss Ella Ota	Rec. Hall 4
Miss Kimi Oki	Rec. Hall 16
Mrs. Shea S. Aoki	Rec. Hall 16
Miss Gladys Hamano	Rec. Hall 26
Miss Kyoko Kodama	Rec. Hall 40

The following staff members will change from their present positions to positions where they are most needed in the nursery schools:

Miss Rose Kawaguchi	from Rec. 26	to Rec. 36
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Miss Kazuko Ida	from Rec. 36	to Rec. 26
Mrs. Michiko Fukano	Rec. 36	Rec. 40

We hope that this arrangement of transferring teachers from one nursery to another will afford to give the same service in nursery schools as rendered in the past to the community.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Hunt, Idaho
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #28

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DATE: July 12 to July 17, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The nursery school staff held their weekly meeting Friday afternoon in Rec. Hall 26. All teachers reported that they enjoyed the all-day nursery very much. They feel they can accomplish much more by having only the two and three year olds in the forenoons and the four and five year olds in the afternoons.

Our enrollment is now 249. More and more parents are beginning to realize the value of nursery school training. That the nursery school provides educational opportunities that help both parent and child to happier living.

Nursery schools were well represented from the Huntville area at the P. T. A. meeting held July 13. Nursery school from Rec. 4 gave several musical selections in form of group singing. The rhythm band numbers presented by nursery school from Rec. Hall 16 were greatly enjoyed by all persons present. Mrs. Dorrie Abe who has been giving of her services voluntarily in nursery school #16 favored us with a group of Stephen Foster melodies on her accordion.

Friday evening the nursery schools were again represented at the Stafford P. T. A. meeting held in Dining Hall 32.

We are ordering 569 pictures of our nursery school groups. Parents of these little children are most anxious to have pictures of their youngsters. They have not had pictures taken of the children for nearly a year.

The appearance of the nursery schools have been greatly improved by the nursery school tables and recent attractive window decorations.

Even the little nursery school children are doing their bit by raising vegetables for the victory gardens. Seeds were planted in paper cups and later the plants were taken home and planted in the garden. The children enjoyed taking care of the plants and watching them grow.

Mrs. Ruble expressed her appreciation to all the nursery school staff for assisting in the sorting and organization of library books during Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons of July 6, 7, and 8.

Katherine Dirksen
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Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #29

DATE: July 19 to July 24, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Community Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The average daily attendance has increased over that of the past two, three weeks period. Children who have recently had the measles are returning to our nursery schools. It is most gratifying to see so many happy little children at their work and play. Some of the children want to attend both forenoon and afternoon sessions. The two and three year old children come in the forenoons and four and five year olds come in the afternoons.

The nursery school teachers show that they are interested in their work in the way they are making interesting doll house corners and attractive decorations for their school rooms. Much of the work has been done by the children themselves.

The teachers have so willingly helped out with the janitor service in all nursery schools this week, as it takes so much of the teacher's valuable time in performing these duties.

At our weekly staff meeting Friday afternoon we discussed the objectives of our nursery schools. We plan to continue this discussion at our next meeting.

The teachers have been providing the children with a snack as they seem to get pretty hungry about 10:30 a.m. Thus far no food has been provided for the nursery schools during the lunch period. We hope that before long the Community Activities Services will see that something is done for the children in this respect.

Katherine Dirksen
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Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #30

DATE: July 26 to July 31, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy
Acting Chief of Community Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly nursery school staff meeting was held in Recreation Hall 26 Friday afternoon. We met to discuss the problem of Record Keeping. We talked about the various kinds of records, their values, and why we should keep them. All the teachers felt that we should keep records of attendance, physical conditions, improvements in behavior, motor development, mental examinations, and of emotional upsets. Each of these records were discussed by the group. These records will not only help the present teacher but also the kindergarten teacher and others who work with the child during his years in school. The nursery school teachers plan to continue this discussion at our next weekly meeting. We will set up record keeping forms to fit the needs of our nursery schools in the near future.

Requisitions for supplies have been made for the five nursery schools. A compiled requisition list will be made soon, and the order will be sent in for three months' supplies.

Our attendance is steadily increasing. We have 260 pupils now enrolled. Of this total there are 50 two year old children, 84 three year olds, 70 four year olds and 56 five year olds. The average daily attendance was 231 pupils for the month of July.

The teachers are of the opinion that dismissing the afternoon session at 2:30 makes the session too short and they cannot accomplish much because school begins at 1:15, so at present, they are caring for the children until 3 o'clock. The children are taking their naps lying on the floor. Many of the children actually sleep during this rest period. The all-day sessions are much approved by all the staff members.

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Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #31

DATE: August 2 to August 7, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The nursery schools are entering some drawings and hand-work for the exhibits to be shown at Huntville and Stafford Schools. These drawings were made by the children. There will also be some illustration of Nursery Rhymes made by Miss Kazuko Ida and Miss Emiko Kobayashi, nursery school teachers in Rec. Hall 26.

Our Nursery School Staff meeting was held in Recreation Hall 26, Friday afternoon, at which time we discussed the topic of Record Keeping. In the near future we are endeavoring to set up forms to be used in record keeping. We have been examining record keeping forms used by the many emergency nursery schools now operating in our country. Each of our nursery schools are formulating a proposed outline form to be used in our nurseries. From these proposed plans we will work out a uniform record keeping form which will be most suitable for our needs.

The compiled requisition list for supplies to be used during the fall months has been made out and ordered.

Quite a number of children are absent from nursery school in Block 26 because of having the measles. We hope they will soon be able to come to school again. Teachers are encouraging the children to attend nursery school regularly. Attractive attendance charts are up for display in several of the nursery schools.

The children who will be ready to enter kindergarten this fall will be given a two week' vacation beginning August 30. There will be 64 children entering kindergarten from our nursery schools.

We are very grateful to the Stafford Elementary School for the lovely flowers they have given us at various times to beautify our nursery schools. The little children dearly love these flowers.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor
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Hunt, Idaho
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #32

DATE: August 9 to August 14, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

We now have 266 children enrolled in the nursery schools. The average daily attendance is improving as those who have recently had the measles are coming back to school.

Nursery school teachers are very enthusiastic over the privilege of a pass to Twin Falls. Some of them have never been there, and it seems to be a great boost to their morale. Arrangements have been made to close the Nursery school for the one day that the teachers leave. We hope they will enjoy this day to the fullest extent.

Friday afternoon we held our Weekly meeting in Rec. Hall 26 and we continued our discussion of Nursery School Records. This week each school is formulating some proposed record keeping forms. They will present these forms and discuss them at our weekly meeting to be held on Saturday morning instead of the usual Friday afternoon meeting, as some of the teachers plan to go to Twin Falls on Friday. A committee will be chosen to work out suitable forms for record keeping. Later the staff will pass approval on the committee's decision.

Every staff member visited the School EXhibit shown at both Stafford and Huntville Schools. They reported that these exhibits were most worthwhile to see.

All five nursery schools have been furnished with oilcloth for the nursery school tables. The appearance of the school rooms are much improved by these oilcloth table covers.

Children from Nursery School in Rec. Hall 26 visited the chicken farm Tuesday Morning. Everyone greatly enjoyed this visit.

Some shifting of teachers has been done this week, so as to give each teacher the opportunity and experience connected with being head teacher. The following changes have been made:

Nursery I Rec. #4 - Yoneko Tanaka will be replaced by
Isako Takahashi

Nursery II Rec. #16 - Mrs. M. Mori will be replaced by
Yoshiye Nakamoto

Nursery III Rec. #26 - Kazuko Ida

Nursery IV Rec. #36 - Haruye Ikeya will be replaced by
Mrs. M. Fukano

Nursery V Rec. #40 - Rose Niguma

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #33

DATE: August 16 to August 21, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Activities

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Two Nursery School teachers are terminating this week as they plan to relocate soon. They are: Miss Isako Takahashi, head teacher in Nursery School I, Rec. Hall #4; Miss Yoshiye Nakamoto, head teacher in Nursery School II, Rec. Hall #16. Miss Rose Kawaguchi is terminating this week as she plans to go out on an indefinite work leave. She has been a teacher in Nursery School IV, Rec. Hall #36.

We hope to replace these teachers in Nursery Schools I and II this week. May those that are relocating be successful and find happiness in their new fields of activity.

The Steward Division is furnishing a snack for each child in Nursery school beginning this week. This food will be delivered twice a week to the nursery. It will consist of crackers, cookies, dried fruit, oranges and carrots.

The Steward Division is also going to send us sufficient orange crates to be made into children's clothes lockers. The teachers have made plans for their use. Thus far most of the nursery schools have been using adult clothes racks which are much too high for children's use.

Our Weekly Nursery School Staff Meeting was most worthwhile and interesting on Saturday morning. The head teachers of each nursery school presented the child accounting system that they deemed most feasible to be used in our schools. Discussion and comments followed each outline form that was presented.

The record keeping forms presented showed that the teachers in each school had given the topic a lot of thoughtful study and work. We are very grateful to Miss Fitzsimons for coming to our meeting and giving us so many worthwhile suggestions on our discussion of the day.

A Committee of the five head teachers will make a study of the various child accounting forms discussed, and thus set up a uniform record keeping outline form to be used in all the five nursery schools.

The teachers from the Nurseries in Rec. Halls #4, and #16 plan to go to Twin Falls for one day this week. Those that went last week reported that they had a most enjoyable day.

The parents of the Nursery School children in Rec. Hall #16 recently met to discuss some school matters, that of the advisability of moving Nursery School 16 to Block 10.

At this meeting the parents expressed the wish and need for a Child Guidance Training class. We hope that a class of this kind can be arranged in the adult education program.

Katherine Dirksen
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Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #34

DATE: August 23 to August 28, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Services

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

We have 266 children enrolled in Nursery School. Quite a number are relocating lately but there are new children enrolling each week thus keeping our enrollment up to the present number.

A two weeks' vacation has been granted to sixty-two children who will enter kindergarten September 13 when the elementary schools open.

At present we have thirteen nursery school teachers on our staff. We are in need of two more teachers. Requisitions have been made and we hope to have these vacancies filled soon. Miss Rose Kawaguchi is out on indefinite leave. Miss Yoshiye Nakamoto, Miss Isako Takahashi, and Miss Teruko Tanaka are relocating.

A total of twenty-two nursery school teachers have relocated out of forty-four who were on the nursery school staff sometime or other throughout the year. The highest number of teachers on the staff at any one given time was 21 and the lowest is 13 at present.

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. we held our weekly staff meeting in Rec. Hall 4. We discussed nursery school problems and later we sorted and divided the nursery school supplies that have been stored in that nursery for some time.

The snack that is being given to the children is proving to be a great help in training them in their eating habits, besides the children are enjoying the food and it peps them up.

The teacher are making clothes lockers from orange crates so the children have the experience of hanging up their own wraps and of putting them in the place designated for their wraps.

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Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #35

DATE: August 30 to September 4, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The Weekly Nursery School Staff meeting was held in Recreation Hall 26 on Saturday, September 4. The Committee working on Record Keeping Forms decided on three forms to be used in the Nursery Schools. There will be an Annual and Periodical Report Form plus an Observational Form to be used by the teacher in making out the first two record forms for the individual children. The Periodical reports will be given through a parent-teacher conference.

Mrs. Michiko Fukano is terminating this week because of illness. She has been working in Nursery School IV Recreation Hall 36. We are trying to find someone to replace her. It seems very difficult at present to secure people who are interested in nursery schools. Half of our nursery school staff have relocated during the school year.

Miss Mary Watanabe is now teaching in Nursery School I Recreation Hall 4. She is taking Miss Isako Takahashi's position, who has relocated in Spokane, Washington. We trust Miss Watanabe will enjoy working with us. We are very happy to have her.

The Elementary Teachers visited Nursery School II Recreation Hall 16. They were greatly impressed by the work the Nursery School teachers are doing, and with what the children are learning. We wish more people would visit our schools, and find out just what we are trying to accomplish, how we fit in with the educational program of the Minidoka Project Schools.

Our enrollment is reduced now due to the fact that the group that will attend kindergarten have left us and are enjoying a two weeks vacation prior to the opening of school September 13. The nursery school staff wishes these youngsters much success and happiness as they enter the elementary schools.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Hunt, Idaho
September 14, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #36

DATE: September 6 to September 11, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The snack program in the nursery school is proving to be very satisfactory. The children are enjoying them and at the same time they are learning table manners. Many youngsters are learning to like carrots who otherwise would not eat this vegetable. The snack consists of dried fruit, crackers, cookies and carrots. Each is served once during the week.

The Committee working on Record Keeping forms have completed the outlines. They are to be mimeographed and made ready for use in the five nursery schools.

Since so many of our teachers are relocating and new teachers are taking their places in the various nursery schools, there is a need for a teacher's handbook. The information in this bulletin will assist the teachers greatly in becoming acquainted with the nursery school and how it functions. Each member of the staff is listing the things that she thinks will be of value and interest for teachers coming into the nursery school system. We hope to have a handbook for each teacher soon. We plan to discuss and work on this handbook at our weekly meeting Saturday morning, September 18 at nine o'clock in Recreation Hall 26.

We have thirteen teachers on our staff at present. We are in need of a teacher in Nursery IV, Recreation Hall 36. Nursery school teachers are hard to locate at the present time.

The total enrollment for the five nurseries is 192 since the kindergarten group have entered the Elementary Schools at Stafford and Huntville.

The nursery schools have Guest books you may sign when you visit. We hope to have many interested persons come and become acquainted with our nurseries.

Miss Hester is very happy with the group of children that came from Nursery School 4 and 16. She says they

show that they have had good training, a marked improvement over the group that entered kindergarten last year.

We haven't had a report from Miss Stull as the kindergarten group in Stafford is much larger and they have only enrolled and did not have an all day session (at this writing.)

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Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. R. A. Pomeroy

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Hunt, Idaho
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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #37

DATE: September 13 to September 18, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Two vacancies which existed in Nursery School IV, Recreational Hall 36 have been filled by Yukiko Nakamura and Takiko Kojima. We feel very happy and fortunate in being able to secure teachers who are willing to offer their services in our school. Mrs. Michiko Fukano and Teruko Tanaka Sakai who were employed in this nursery terminated several weeks ago.

We have two staff members' children enrolled in Nursery III, Recreational Hall 26 this week. They are Rodney Kipp, and Noel Wilder. David Mann is enrolled in Nursery II, Recreational Hall 16. They are enjoying the learning experiences and activities offered in nursery school.

The nursery school staff is preparing a handbook for nursery school teachers. This will be especially helpful to beginners and assistant teachers in learning the duties and responsibilities connected with being a nursery school teacher.

We discussed the teacher's handbook at our weekly meeting Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The head teacher and her assistants in each nursery plan to organize the information and materials they have gathered into a handbook Friday afternoon, September 24.

Nursery school attendance is more regular since Elementary School opened. The little nursery school children enjoy going to school much more when all members of their family who are of school age are also attending school.

Miss Stull and Miss Hester, Kindergarten teachers are very grateful to the Nursery School teachers for the fine training they have given the children who came from the nursery schools.

Katherine Dirksen
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Nursery School Supervisor

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September 28, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT

Nursery Report #38

DATE: September 21 to September 25, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Two teachers are terminating on October 1 in Nursery School IV, Recreation Hall 36. They are Yukiko Nakamura and Tokiko Kojima. They are both going out on work leaves. Michiko Amatatsu has been secured to take the place of one of these teachers. Michiko Amatatsu has had experience in nursery school while at Manzanar. She is sister to Kazuko Amatatsu who is a teacher in Nursery School 40.

The nursery school staff is preparing a handbook for teachers. The committee working on this handbook are Ritsuko Hamamura, Mieko Mori, Emiko Kobayashi, Haruye Ikeya, and Rose Niguma.

We have received letters from several of our former nursery school teachers who have recently relocated. They are happy to be out and are enjoying their work. Many are employed as nursery school teachers elsewhere.

There are 200 children enrolled in nursery school between the ages of two to four and one-half. The average daily enrollment for the week has increased over that of the last three weeks.

A farewell party was held for Junior Mayeda on Friday in Nursery School 36. He has gone with his parents to Tule Lake.

Nursery School 4 has some fine illustrations and drawings on display made by the children. The children take great pride in having their work put up for exhibitions.

The children of Nursery School 26 recently visited in Block 30 and saw a family of kittens. They were very delighted to see some real, live kittens.

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #39

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DATE: September 27 to October 2, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Acting Chief of Comm. Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Nursery school enrollment has increased considerably since the Tuleans arrived. We have 211 children enrolled between the ages of two to four.

Miss Ritsuko Hamamura who has been head teacher in Nursery School 4 terminated October 4. Hide Kunugi and Bessie Tanigawa who recently arrived from Tule Lake have been secured as assistants for this Nursery School. Mary Watanabe has been transferred from Nursery 4 to Nursery School 26. The enrollment in 26 thus making a total of three teachers.

Mrs. Mieko Mori plans to relocate soon. She has been head teacher in Nursery 16 since September 7, 1942. Her services have been most satisfactory. Her termination becomes effective October 9. Yoshiko Nishimatsu has been hired in Mrs. Mori's place. She also recently moved here from Tule Lake.

Hallowe'en decorations adorn several of the Nursery Schools. The children are delighted with these attractive seasonal motifs. The committee working on the Teachers' Handbook held their meeting in Recreation Hall 26 and discussed the materials gathered completing this handbook.

Record keeping forms recently completed have been distributed to all the nurseries for use in their child accounting system.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
October 12, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #40

DATE: October 4 to October 9, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in
charge of Community Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Nursery School attendance is increasing. Our present enrollment is 221 with 15 assistant teachers. We have 61 children enrolled in Nursery Hall 16. The report comes to my office that more children are enrolling from Tule Lake this week.

We are very grateful to the Steward's Division for sending us tomatoes for the children's snacks. Some children who never before ate tomatoes are learning to enjoy them, along with the rest of the group.

Miss Masumi Hamada who came here from Tule Lake two weeks ago is observing in Nursery Hall 16. She plans to start teaching October 18. She will replace Miss Marian Ohno who plans to relocate in a few weeks. Miss Ohno has been an assistant teacher in Nursery 16 since September 7, 1942.

The Nursery Teachers' Handbook is being written up and will be ready for use within a short time. Miss Emiko Kobayashi is doing the typing. Miss Nobuko Nakamura has consented to let us use her typewriter. Miss Ethel Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary School Principal, has also loaned her typewriter to us to use in typing the material for the handbook. We appreciate these favors and cooperation extended to us.

During my absence Miss Emiko Kobayashi, Rec. 26, will handle and take charge of all reports and mail coming to me.

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #41

DATE: October 11 to October 16, 1943
TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director
in charge of Community Management
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

In response to the request for piano tuning Mr. Kipp informs us that no piano tuner is available at present. Efforts will be continued toward finding a man who can tune the pianos in the nursery schools.

The attendance for this week reached 222, this number includes the enrollment of two new members of the nursery school. Koric Barber entered Nursery 26 and William Maxey III enrolled in Nursery 16 on Monday.

Mr. Wilder, whose son attends nursery school, was a welcome visitor at Nursery School 26 on Wednesday, October 13.

Notes reported by Miss Emiko Kobayashi
Head Teacher, Nursery School 26

Notes approved by Miss Ethel M. Fitzsimons
Acting Elementary Principal

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October 26, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #42

DATE: October 18 to October 23, 1943
TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director
in charge of Community Management
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Hallowe'en decorations and spirits are predominating in the Nurseries this week. Jack-o-Lanterns made from contributions from the Steward's Division are adding color and fun to each of the nursery school programs. Parties given by the teachers are being planned for a part of Friday's activities.

Attendance for this week has dropped to 219. It is felt that the decrease in the attendance has been due to the prevalence of colds among the children.

It is a satisfaction to report that all of the materials for the Nursery Teachers' Handbook have been typed and are now ready to be submitted for the approval of Miss Dirksen, whose return we are looking forward to on October 30.

Notes reported by Miss Emiko Kobayashi
Head Teacher, Nursery School 26

Notes approved by Miss Ethel M. Fitzsimons
Acting Elementary Principal

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November 2, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #43

DATE: October 25 to October 30, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Nursery school children in each of the five nursery schools enjoyed Hallowe'en parties given by their respective teachers on Friday, October 29. Candy was donated by the children's parents and also by Mrs. Teruko Sakai, former nursery school teacher now relocated in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

With the holiday season drawing near, nursery schools are working on new posters to display in their schools. At the present time, posters with Thanksgiving themes are being made.

Nursery school teachers took advantage of the pleasant weather and had their children participate in outdoor games and short walks.

Miss Katherine Dirksen is expected to be back with us on Monday, November 1.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #44

DATE: November 1 to November 6, 1943
TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in
charge of Community Management
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Miss Mary Niiyama, a student in the High School Home Economics class has been assisting in Nursery II, Recreation Hall #16 since Wednesday, November 3. We are happy to have her services as we have 65 children enrolled with a staff of three teachers. One-half of the children attend in the forenoon while the other half attend the afternoon session.

In the five nursery schools, we have 62 two-year olds, 78 three-year olds, 86 four-year olds; making a total of 226 enrolled at present.

Miss Rose Niguma has made some beautiful Nursery Rhyme and Mother Goose posters in Nursery V, Recreation Hall 40. Miss Kazuko Ida has also made some very lovely illustrations of Nursery Rhymes and Mother Goose stories in Nursery III, Recreation Hall 26.

Nurseries #4, #16, and #50 have interesting exhibits of children's drawings and clay modeling.

Three teachers are planning to terminate with the next two weeks. Miss Yoneko Tanaka from Nursery #4 has been head teacher and has served the nursery schools since September 14, 1942. Miss Tanaka has been doing excellent work and we will miss her. Miss Bessie Tanigawa came October 1, 1943 from Tule Lake. She plans to be married and relocate. She, also, has been teaching in Nursery #4. Mrs. Dorrie Abe from Nursery #16 plans to terminate on November 20. She has been with us since August 26, 1943.

These teachers are aiding in securing assistants who will take their places on the nursery school staff.

The teachers' handbooks for Nursery School Teachers which were compiled and made by the teachers are now completed and have been distributed to the five nursery schools.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Hunt, Idaho
November 16, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #45

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DATE: November 8 to November 13, 1943
TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

Fiday afternoon we held our weekly staff meeting with all teachers present in Recreation Hall #26. Miss Emiko Kobayashi gave a most valuable and interesting demonstration as to how to conduct a Parent-Teacher Conference in explaining the Periodical Growth Report to the parent. Miss Rose Niguma took the part of the interested parent. We plan to conduct the the Parent-Teacher Conference during the week of November 29 to December 3. Letters will be sent home to each parent the preceding week of the Conference. We shall state to the parent that we wish them to come for a conference to be held at a certain time and date. At that time, we will give a report of the child's growth in nursery school. The parent signs the letter and returns it to the teacher before the end of the Conference week.

We as teachers feel that both parents and teachers will benefit from this visit, and we will be able to understand each child better and thus do more for him.

Miss Yoneko Tanaka and Miss Bessie Tanigawa terminated this week. Miss Masako Nakai and Miss Alyce Yoshizumi have been accepted to assist Miss Hide Kunugi in Nursery #4.

Miss Marcelline Uyeji has been secured to take Mrs. Dorrie Abe's place in Nursery #16. Miss Uyeji has had experience working with children at Tule Lake in the Physical Education department.

The nursery school teachers have decorated their school rooms in keeping with Thanksgiving.

Samples of the work done by nursery school children have been placed in folders. Each child has a folder of handwork which the teacher will show to the parent when he comes for his conference with the teacher.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
November 23, 1943

Mr. De Young

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #46

DATE: November 15 to November 20, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

National Education Week was observed in our Nursery Schools. The parents were invited to come and visit. Nursery School V in Recreation Hall 40 had the largest number of visitors.

We have health cards for all the children in nursery school. The teachers have been weighing and measuring the children this week. From the standard weight and height chart we can determine if a child is very much over-weight or under-weight. Parents will be interested in seeing how much their child weighs, if he is much over-weight or under-weight.

Our present enrollment is 234 pupils. Nurseries 4, and 16 have the greatest number of children enrolled. 56 children in Nursery 4 and 66 in Nursery 16. We are very happy to have the assistance of a high school student, Miss Mary Niiyama, in Nursery 16.

Our weekly staff meeting was held Friday afternoon in Recreation Hall 26. Several reports were given and a general discussion was held on the following topics:

What Traits Do Our Children Acquire
Why Are Children in the Same Family Different
Rewards
When Children Destroy Things
The Lazy Child
The Neglected Child
Bashfulness
Children Copy Grown-up People

Letters are being sent home to the parents of nursery school children asking them to come for a visit and conference to be held at a designated day and hour next week. At that time the parent will see the periodical growth report of his child and samples of his handwork. These conferences are held between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 each afternoon of Conference Week.

We hope that both parent and teacher will learn to understand each other better. The parent will learn what we are trying to accomplish in nursery school for his child as well as for all others who attend.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
November 30, 1943

Mr. De Young

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #47

DATE: November 22 to November 27, 1943
TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education
FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

During the month of November we had 257 children enrolled in nursery school. Of this number there were 126 boys and 131 girls on the roll. The average enrollment for the month was 228. There were many absences due to colds. The average daily attendance is much improved this week, as the epidemic of colds is about over.

High School students are assisting the nursery teachers in Nurseries #4 and #16. Two in Nursery #4 and Miss Mary Niiyama in Nursery #16.

Miss Rose Niguma entered several portrait drawings in the Art Exhibit now being held in Recreation Hall #29. Miss Niguma has been head teacher in Nursery #40 since September 9, 1942.

Miss Kazuko Ida has offered to make some drawings and storybook illustrations for the pediatric ward in the hospital.

The nursery school staff met in Recreation Hall #26 for their weekly meeting. We discussed problems dealing with Child Development. How a Child Learns; and Behavior and Discipline problems.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be conducted this week in Nurseries #26, #36, and #40. Nurseries #4 and #16 will hold their Parent-Teacher Conferences during the week of December 13 to 17.

Miss Emiko Kobayashi has consented to handle all nursery school reports coming from the various nursery schools when my termination becomes effective December 6. Miss Kobayashi teaches in Nursery School #26.

The teachers are preparing decorations for the holiday season. Christmas trees are being made from construction paper and other available materials.

Katherine Dirksen
Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
December 7, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #48

DATE: November 29 to December 4, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Katherine Dirksen, Nursery School Supervisor

The Public Works and Maintenance Division made some very fine blocks for the children in nursery schools. These blocks have various shapes and are of a good size for the children to use in building. It certainly is a joy to see the children so deeply interested in what they are constructing during their free play period. We are most grateful to the men who made these blocks. Each nursery school was given a large box of them.

The Nursery School Staff had a delightful tea party in my honor held in Nursery #40 on Thursday afternoon. The Recreation Hall was attractively decorated in Christmas motifs.

The Parent-Teacher Conferences proved to be a great success. Nearly every parent came at his appointed time for the Conference. The teachers reported they learned so much about each child by getting first-hand information from the parents. The parents found out what we as nursery school teachers are trying to do. The periodical growth report was given by the teacher to the parent.

Katherine Dirksen
Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. de Young

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

November 2, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT #49

DATE: October 25 to October 30, 1943

TO: Mr. R. A. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management

FROM: Ethel M. Fitzsimons, Acting Elementary Principal

It is a pleasure to report that two teachers have joined the elementary school staff. Miss Nadine Leonard assumed duties as teacher of second grade at Stafford on Wednesday, October 27, while Miss Esther Gienap took charge of the third grade on Monday, November 1.

The addition of Miss Leonard and Miss Gienap makes the elementary school teaching staff complete with reference to the number of teachers allotted by W. R. A. educational authorities. Despite this fact, the peculiar situation at Minidoka makes necessary the assignment of two elementary grades to colonist teachers. Furthermore, the situation is such that four first-grade groups must be handled by only two members of the Appointed Personnel staff. The distribution of population on the Project with respect to the locations of the two elementary schools necessitates a grouping of children resulting in a number of teachers not coinciding with the number allotted by W. R. A.

Miss Chieko Yasaki, 5-2-A, became a member of the student-teacher group on Monday, October 25. Since that time she has been assisting Miss Marie Johnson, teacher of first grade at Stafford. The present number of student teachers working in the elementary schools is eleven.

Director Dillon Myer's second visit to the Minidoka Project stimulated comments reflecting teachers' confidence in W. R. A. leadership. Mr. Myer's calmness in dealing with problems of deep significance and wide scope affords an excellent example for all employees of W. R. A.

A pleasant visitor at Huntville and at Stafford was Mr. Tad Muraoka whose active interest in Junior Patrols is maintained during his residence off the Project, as well as, during his period of service at Hunt. Tad met with Junior Patrol members at each of the schools during his visit and added enthusiasm and interest to the good work which members are endeavoring to carry on during their leader's seasonal leave.

Work on construction of rooms in Barrack 10 of Block 32 has been discontinued. Partitions have been set to form three 40-foot rooms. However, no doorway has been made to provide a opening between two of the rooms for which specification was made in the approved plans. To date, no stove has been placed in the middle room. In Block 10, Barrack 8 has a status very similar to that of the barrack previously described. A check reveals that no fire exits have been made in Barrack 12 in Block 10. As yet fastenings on fire exit doors in both schools are miscellaneous in type and structure. Repairs of walks in both elementary school blocks are needed.

Reports from teachers indicate that janitors in both schools are endeavoring to give satisfactory service. Some difficulty has risen in connection with the fact that a odd number of nursery schools necessitates an extra janitor. Since school janitorial service has been allocated to the section of Education, Mr. T. Wakamatsu was engaged on October 30 to serve as janitor in Recreation Hall 26, headquarters for the five nursery schools. Each of the four other nursery schools is cared for by a janitor whose time is given to servicing two recreation halls.

An elementary teachers' meeting was held at Stafford School on Saturday, October 30. Plans were made for a reception of National and State officers of Congress of Parents and Teachers, expected on the Project the following Tuesday. There was discussion and tentative planning regarding the observances of Education Week and Book Week.

The cooperation of Miss Dorothy Cram and Miss Esther Greiner in the preparation of a report on the care of exceptional and atypical children found on the Project is greatly appreciated. The complete report requested by Dr. Ade will be submitted to the Washington office in the very near future.

Ethel M. Fitzsimons
Acting Elementary Principal

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Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
December 21, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #50

DATE: December 13 to December 17, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Ed.

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi, Nursery School Supervisor

Miss Corkhill visited the five nurseries on Friday, December 17th. The students in her class are working in the nurseries as their work experience.

Enrollment this week was 229.

Will all the teachers in each nursery be specially careful to watch for any signs of colds among the children and send them home immediately?

All nursery schools have finished decorating their schoolroom for Christmas. The teachers in each nursery school are planning a little Christmas party for the children.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
December 28, 1943

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #51

DATE: December 20 to December 25, 1943

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment for this week was 230.
Our attendance has been low this week due
to colds.

Children of all the nurseries enjoyed the Christmas party, which the teachers gave to them on December 23 in their own nursery schools. The children were disappointed because there was no Santa Claus this year. On the same day, Nurseries #36 and #40 invited the parents to come and watch the children during the circle period. The parents enjoyed it very much.

Emiko Kobayashi

Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
January 11, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #52

DATE: January 3 to January 8, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 220. The absence in all the nursery schools were large due to the cold weather, but Nursery #26's attendance was fair.

Nursery #26 will have an afternoon class again, starting next Monday, January 10, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be a few children who will be four years old this month making it possible to have about twelve children, enough for an afternoon class.

All of the nurseries are taking down their old Christmas decorations and planning new window, ceiling, and wall decorations.

One of the teachers in Nursery 40 brought a tea kettle from home to use for heating water so the children will be able to wash their hands with warm water.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
January 16, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #53

DATE: January 10 to January 15, 1944
TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education
FROM: Emiko Kobayashi, Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 217. The attendance in all of the nursery schools are gradually increasing.

Nursery 36 is planning and working on a Valentine theme for their decorations in their schoolroom.

Nursery 40 took the children out on a short walk last Wednesday afternoon, since it was an exceptionally warm day. And on Monday afternoon the children played in the snow for a few minutes.

Nursery 26 is working on new posters, which will be put up soon.

Nurseries 4 and 16 received a block toy truck each and the children are enjoying it very much.

A meeting was held in Nursery School 26 last Friday afternoon, January 14, at 3:15 p.m. with all the teachers and high school part-time girls also present. We discussed the problems that came up in each of the nursery schools and how it could be remedied. The Parent-Teacher's Conference, which was introduced by Miss Dirksen last fall, was also discussed at the meeting.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
January 27, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #54

DATE: January 17 to January 22, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 225. The attendance is better than last week.

Mrs. Coombs and Miss Fitzsimons visited Nursery #26 last Friday, January 21st. We are always glad to have visitors come to the nursery schools. Mrs. Coombs is the mother of Mr. Robert Coombs, who is teaching at Hunt High School.

A memo was sent to Mr. Kipp of the Community Activities, for a piano tuner. The pianos in the nursery schools need re-tuning badly.

Last Saturday morning, January 22nd, the nursery school teachers had the pleasure of attending a very interesting meeting. Mr. Shoun, superintendent of Jerome Schools spoke to us. Mr. Shoun has just come back from Seattle where he attended the National Education Association's Conference.

Miss Masumi Hamada, who was teaching at Nursery #16 has terminated. We are very happy to have Mrs. Jane Mori taking Miss Hamada's place at Nursery #16.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
January 25, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #55

DATE: January 24 to January 29, 1944
TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education
FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 223.
The attendance this week has been very
low due to the weather.

Nursery #40 received toys
from Miss McCallough who holds her
afternoon Prayer meetings in Recreation
Hall 40.

Saturday, January 29, 1944,
Nursery School teachers and the part-
time high school girls received
fluoroscopic examination at the
Project Hospital.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

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Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
February 1, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report No. 56

DATE: January 31, 1944 to February 5, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 207. Some of the pupils were dropped from the enrollment, because of their long absence. We hope to have them back when the days become warmer.

The nursery schools received dolls and toys from Mr. Kipp of Community Activities. We appreciate it very much.

The nursery schools have their school rooms decorated with Valentine theme. Nursery 36's window decoration theme is on George Washington.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
February 8, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #57

DATE: February 7 to February 12, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 221. Attendance has been better than the previous week.

Miss Mary Watanabe, who was working in Nursery 26 has terminated, February 7, 1944. There is no one taking her place at present, but hope to have someone soon.

Miss Kazuko Ida will be the head teacher in Nursery 26, effective February 14, 1944. Miss Emiko Kobayashi was the head teacher up until then.

Saturday morning, February 12, 1944, all student teachers, from Huntville and Stafford Elementary Schools, Hunt High School and Nursery Schools had a meeting, called by Mr. A. Kleinkopf with Miss Bernice Batchelder, our new supervisor of student teachers.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
February 22, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Nursery Report #58

DATE: February 14 to February 19, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment this week was 216.

There has been a number of changes made in the Nursery School staff. Miss Haruye Ikeya has been transferred to Nursery #4, and Miss Mitsuko Murakami is now in Nursery 36, taking Miss Ikeya's place. Mrs. Ashizawa has been assigned to work in Nursery 16. Miss Kazuko Ida and Miss Nobuko Nakamura are new head teachers in Nursery 26 and Nursery 36, respectively.

Saturday, February 19, 1944, nursery school teachers and the elementary school student teachers met at Miss Hester's classroom, 10-2-AB, with Miss Batchelder and Miss Hester. The meeting was called by Miss Batchelder.

Emiko Kobayashi
Emiko Kobayashi
Nursery School Supervisor

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

March 4, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT

Nursery Report #60

DATE: February 28 - March 3, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment for this week was 220.

Miss Emiko Kobayashi, Nursery School Supervisor, terminated last week on Saturday, February 26, 1944, to become the bride of Pfc. George Maeda.

Miss Masako Tada is now assisting in Nursery #26 - Miss Kazuko Ida is the head teacher of the same Nursery.

The afternoon class of Nursery #36 visited the children of Nursery #40. The visitors and the teachers enjoyed the pictures on the walls, then proceeded on to Block 42 to see two pigs thereabouts.

Nursery #40 children, afternoon class, stayed outdoors to watch the two pigs wallowing in the mud - later the children described the appearances of the above animals.

A meeting was called and held by Miss Batchelder, in her office at Recreation Hall 23 for all women elementary and Nursery School student teachers, to discuss the importance of ear acuity for children so as ^{that} they may attain a fluent and correctly enunciated vocabulary of simple everyday objects. Cut pictures from magazines in sets of four of ending sounds of z, s, ez, of simple noun plurals, nouns with similar beginning and ending sounds and consonant blends were requested of the teachers. Organization and mountings of these illustrations was also discussed. The time of the meeting was Saturday, 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supv.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA PROJECT
HUNT, IDAHO

March 13, 1944

DATE: March 6 - 11, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment for this week was 227.

Ear Acuity Posters are being completed despite the lack of suitable illustrations in the magazines by all Nursery School Teachers.

Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers, visited Nurseries #4 and #16 on Friday morning. She sang and played songs for the children who enjoyed her visit very much.

On Tuesday, Nursery #36 took a walk down to the canal, bringing sandwiches and sliced oranges. It was a pleasant trip for them.

On Wednesday, Nursery #16 walked around the block. Seeing the distant snow-clad mountains was the first experience for some children who later drew their visual impressions for their Handiwork Period.

Miss Mary Tameno and Miss Nobuko Okita are the new nursery student teachers. The former helps at Nursery #40 and the latter at Nursery #26.

Meeting of all student teachers was held Saturday morning from 10:30 - 11:30 at Block 23-7-CD. Miss Batchelder introduced Mr. Pomeroy who spoke to us on a very interesting topic.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, she discussed Visual Acuity Posters with the Nursery School Teachers.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
March 20, 1944
Weekly Narrative Report
Nursery Report #62

DATE: March 13-18, 1944
TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education
FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment for this week was 239.

The paper spring flowers are decorating the walls in majority of the nursery schools---the motif is spring.

Miss Batchelder continued her visits to the Nurseries 26, 36 and 40 on Monday. The children of the nurseries enjoyed her visit and songs.

Before dismissal in Nursery 40, one child, Joyce Fujiwara, sang "God Bless America" for the early arrivals of the Adult Americanization class--Miss Batchelder played the accompaniment.

All the nursery school teachers gave a Saint Patrick's tea in honor of Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers from 3:30 to 4:45 p. m. on Friday afternoon, March 17 at Nursery 26.

Mr. Beeson, Relocation Officer, gave an address to all student teachers at their weekly meeting at Block 23-7-EF. Preceding his address, Mr. Beeson introduced Mrs. Sada Murayama, Employment Representative of Stevens Hotel in Chicago, formerly an evacuee resident of Hunt. Mrs. Murayama's speech topic was of her own experiences upon contact with the caucasian population of Chicago and employment opportunities there. Above meeting was held on Saturday morning, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
March 27, 1944

#63

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT

DATE: March 20-24, 1944

TO: Mr. A. M. Kleinkopf
Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weeks enrollment was 246. The enrollment is increasing due to warmer weather.

A revision of the enrollment records of the morning and the afternoon classes are being complied by the Nursery School Head Teachers for a more complete up-to-date file since the recent addition of the new pupils.

The Ear Acuity Posters suggested by Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers, are being used in the Nursery Schools. The Visual Acuity Posters are almost completed.

The afternoon class at Nursery #40 took the wide path down to the canal in order to see the horses, grazing on the opposite bank. Unfortunately, the bank was too high for the children, so instead they picked up empty snail shells to bring home to their parents.

The weekly meeting of student teachers was held in Block 23-7-EF. Miss Batchelder introduced Mr. Davidson, Assistant Project Director who gave an inspirational talk on teacher, student relationship. At the conclusion of Mr. Davidson's talk, Miss Batchelder presented a constructive game of words for the primary students.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Niguma

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: March 27-April 1, 1944
TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education
FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weeks enrollment was 250. There has been an increase of 25 new pupils since the beginning of the month.

Upon a visit to the nursery schools, a birthday party was being observed in Nursery #16 and Nursery #4; the parents had brought cookies and candy for the enjoyment of the little pupils.

Wednesday afternoon, the children of Nursery #16 held their half-hour of Circle Period outside in the playfield opposite their school. Participation in games and songs was enhanced by the warm and invigorating weather. Nursery #16 enjoyed their afternoon by sitting out on the school porch to look at their picture books. Nursery #40, morning and afternoon, they went for a walk to one of the blocks to see the baby chicks--the children could not restrain their anticipation since Easter is but a week away.

The weekly meeting was held in Block 23-7-EE. Mr. Dean Miller, Assistant Project Director, introduced by Miss Batchelder, spoke on the topic concerning the possibilities of the nursery schools in the future. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. and concluded at 11:45 on Saturday morning.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
APRIL 10, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
WEEKLY REPORT #65

DATE: April 3-8, 1944

TO: Mrs A. M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weeks enrollment was 250.

Mrs. Alyce Katsuyama, former Huntville Assistant Teacher replaced Miss Yoshiko Nishimatsu, Head Teacher of Nursery #16. Miss Hiroko Hirakawa replaced Miss ~~Michiko~~ *Michiko* Murakami in Nursery #36.

All the Nursery School Teachers were busy this week making Easter baskets out of different colored construction paper. These baskets were filled with candies and dyed Easter eggs.

Community Activities sponsored an Easter Egg hunt in Area A and B for the enjoyment of the Nursery children, Kindergarten and the First Grades. Many children attended the Hunt despite the drizzle of rain. At least one child from each Nursery found a prize egg.

Nursery #26 received four tables through Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers. The children and the teachers are delighted with them. Nursery #36 invited Nursery #26 for snacks and the walk whetted their appetite.

Nursery #16 teachers labeled the prize eggs as requested by Mr. Kipp.

The weekly meeting was not held due to the Easter Egg Hunt which began at 8:30 A.M., Saturday.

Rose Niguma

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO

April 28, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT

Report #66

DATE: April 7 - 22, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 258. The average daily attendance of all the nurseries combined for the month of April was 137.

The termination of Miss Kazuko Ida, Head Teacher of Nursery #26 was succeeded by Miss Masako Tada. We will miss Miss Ida's artistic ability in illustrating various songs and games.

Nursery #16 constructed a drum from an ice cream container which is to be used by the children for the Indian Song.

Nursery #36 has two large strips of Mother Goose illustrations decorating the room on each side.

Nursery #40 made a large illustration of Black Sambo and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Nursery #40's morning class went to see a teetertotter constructed by one of the pupils father, and they all enjoyed playing on it very much.

The Saturday weekly meeting was not held due to the illness of Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education, who recently returned from Washington D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
May 1, 1944
WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
WEEKLY REPORT #67

DATE: April 24-29, 1944
TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education
FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 242.

One appointed teacher from each Nursery School attended a meeting in Mr. Roth's office from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24 in making plans for May Play Day for the Nursery children. This event was tentatively planned for Friday, May 19, from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. It will be held in Area A, Field 8 for Nurseries #4 and #16, and in Area B, Field 32 for the Nurseries #25, #26 and #40. All the Nurseries are planning songs and games which are to be participated by the children; they are eager in anticipation as transportation will be provided - a bus ride.

We are sorry to know of Miss Batchelder's illness; we hope to see her back with us soon.

A general faculty meeting was called by Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education, who recently returned from a Superintendent's Conference in Washington D. C. He introduced Mr. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director and Mr. Richard B. Johnson, the new WRA Director of Vocational Education. Mr. Johnson expressed the importance of the above program for center and relocation employment. The meeting was concluded with Mr. Kleinkopf's report from Washington D. C. This meeting was held on Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Rose Niguma



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
May 9, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #68

DATE: May 1-6, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

Enrollment for this week was 253.

There has been changes made in the Nursery Schools of Area B due to terminations. Miss Hiroko Hirakawa has been transferred from Nursery #36 to Nursery #26 in order to replace Miss Nobuko Okita who has terminated. Miss Midori Ida is now assisting in the same nursery.

Miss Kazuko Amatatsu of Nursery #40 assisted this week at Nursery #36 for one week. Miss Mary Tamenno and Mrs. Miyuki Maruhashi has terminated from Nursery #40. We hope to have new applicants who are to be interviewed and placed at the Nurseries open to them for two days visit by Miss Ethel Fitzsimmons, Elementary School Principal, who is taking charge due to Miss Batchelder's absence from illness.

The passing parade of the Nisei War Hero, T/Sergeant Ben Kuroki caused an excitement among the small children of the Nursery Schools. He was the main conversational topic of the older children who attends during the afternoons.

Nursery #16 took advantage of one warm day to play upon the see-saws and the swings near-by.

One child of Nursery #40, Joyce Fujiwara, volunteered to tell the story of "Little Black Sambo" to the children. They were receptive and enjoyed the story periods.

Nursery School Committee for May Play Day held a meeting Saturday morning, May 6, 1944, to discuss the preparation of refreshment plans. The plan of having crepe paper costumes was abandoned because of paper shortage.

Due to Miss Batchelder's absence, the weekly Saturday meeting was postponed.

Rose Niguma



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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 15, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #69

DATE: May 8 - 13, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistnat Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 259. Nursery School #36 has the highest enrollment of 68 children.

We are sorry to know of Miss Ethel Fitzsimmon's, Elementary School Principal, departure from the project in the near future. We are grateful for her aid in the past and wish her success in whatever she undertakes.

We have new assistant teachers on the Nursery School Staff. They are, Miss Lillian Morioka assists at Nursery #40, Miss Yoshiko Mayeda at Nursery #36 and Miss Betty Yamada at Nursery #4.

Nursery #26 decorated their windows this week and made paper bonnets for the children who do not own straw hats for May Play-day.

The plans for May Play-day refreshments have been completed with help of Mr. Roth, Physical Education Director, and Mr. Cecil Wilder of the Steward Division. The refreshments will be prepared by the Nursery School Teachers on Friday morning of May 19.

The Nursery May Play-day will be held on Friday afternoon, May 19, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Nurseries #4 and #16 will have their program on Field 16. Nurseries #26, 36 and 40 will have theirs on the green lawn of Field 26.

The weekly Saturday meeting was not held due to Miss Batcheler's absence.

Rose Niguma



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
Weekly Narrative Report
Nursery Report #70

DATE: May 15-20, 1944
TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education
FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 261; 124 boys and 138 girls in the five nursery schools with the average attendance of 166 children daily.

May Play Day for the Nursery Schools was postponed from Friday, May 19, to the following Monday, May 22, 1944 due to poor weather conditions.

The weekly Saturday morning meeting was held in Block 23-7-EF from 10:30 a.m. Miss Batchelder introduced Miss Lydie Fite, Acting Assistant Project Manager, who clarified the welfare project of Hunt and described her home city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, one of the largest cities open for relocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho
May 29, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #71

DATE: May 22 - 27, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 261.

After two previous postponements, the first Nursery School May Play-day was held on Tuesday, May 23, 1944 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Nursery Schools 4 and 16 of Area A held their Play-day on Field 16 and the Nursery Schools 26, 36 and 40 of Area B on Field 26. Mr. Morris Roth, the Physical Education Director of Hunt High School, was present to help us. The May Play-day was successful due to the spontaneous participation by the children, the parents' interest, the transportation and the lovely weather. Fortunately, there were enough refreshments left over for the parents and we are grateful to the kitchen staffs of Dining Halls 16 and 26 for their kind co-operation. The bus ride was a thrilling experience for the children who had looked forward so eagerly for this opportunity. We hope to have the second May Play-day next year.

During the latter part of this week, the afternoon class of Nursery #40 took the wide shortcut path to the canal site near Block 26 for a walk and were met there by the children and the teachers of Nursery #26 who had the same intention coincidentally.

The Saturday morning weekly meeting for all Student Teachers began at 10:30 a.m., May 27, 1944 at 23 - 7 - EF. Miss Batchelder presented D. Frank S. Barrett, project attorney, whose interesting address was on the legal problems of the evacuee residents, well-known test cases and the meanings of different legal terms. The meeting concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Rose Niguma

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
June 5, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
WEEKLY REPORT #71

DATE: May 27 - June 3, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf
Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma
Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 258; a drop of 3 pupils from the enrollment of 261 of last week. This is due to relocation.

Miss Nobuko Nakamura, Head Teacher for Nursery School #36, has terminated. Miss Michiko Amatatsu is taking her place with the assistance of Mrs. Jane Mori who was transferred from Nursery School #16 to Nursery School #36. Miss Kishi is now assisting at Nursery #16. We hope to have new assistants soon as some of the Nursery School Teachers will leave for seasonal work.

Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of all Student Teachers, visited Nursery Schools #40 and #36 on Friday, June 2, 1944.

Nursery School #36 requested for their use some tables as their attendance shows an increase.

The Nursery School Teachers observed the project Clean-Up Day in their Nursery Schools with help from their children.

Professor Elmer Smith, Community Analyst, was presented by Miss Batchelder to the Student Teachers at the weekly Saturday meeting at 23 - 7 - EF. The Student Teachers requested Mr. Elmer Smith to discuss further the analysis of the present and the future set-up of the evacuees. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. and concluded at 11:45 a.m.

Rose Niguma

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Hunt, Idaho
June 12, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #73

DATE: June 5-10, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 261. The stormy weather of Thursday, June 8, 1944, dropped the attendance considerably for that day.

The head teachers of the five Nursery Schools compiled their lists of children born in the year, 1939 which were handed in to the elementary schools as requested. These children will attend the kindergarten in September and categorically, there are 80 children.

The Nursery School teachers are observing the children so as to fill in the periodicals for the parents and the annual summaries for the kindergarten teacher.

We have requested for a patrol system for the safety of the older afternoon class of the children who attend and return from the Nursery Schools by themselves; they are self-reliant but to prevent any accidents from occurring, the Police Department will give us full co-operation in this matter.

Miss Batchelder has interviewed two new persons to assist us; they will begin on Monday, June 12, 1944.

The continuation of the meeting of last week was held in Block 23, 7EF with Mr. Elmer Smith, the Community Analyst, as the speaker. Mr. Smith stated the purpose of the Community Analyst for the projects, the human interpretation of the psychological and social aspects of the evacuees and of his previous contacts with the persons of Japanese ancestry. Mr. Smith answered many questions prepared for him by the Student Teachers. The weekly Saturday meeting held on June 10, 1944 began at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



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June 19, 1944

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #74

DATE: June 12-17

TO: Mr. A. Kleinkopf, Sup't, of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School
Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 266. The average daily attendance for the Nursery Schools is 166.

We have two new persons assisting us. Miss May Arakawa at Nursery School 40 and Miss Masako Takahashi at Nursery School 16. Mrs. Alyce Katsuyama of Nursery School 16 and Miss Lillian Morioka of Nursery School 40 have terminated; we will miss their services.

Miss Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers, and Mr. Minoru Kimura, a student teacher, visited Nursery School 16. Nursery School 16 made an attractive play corner for their children and placed decorations on their windows.

Miss Batchelder requested that all the broken toys be tagged for repair.

The weekly Saturday meeting was held in the Science Room No. 2 on June 17, 1944. Miss Batchelder introduced Miss Dorothy Cram, Medical Social Worker of the project. She discussed her work among the evacuees, and the opportunities in the social field. The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. and concluded at 11:45 A.M.



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HUNT, IDAHO
June 26, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #75

DATE: June 19-24, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School
Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 269.

Miss Hideko Kunugi terminated from Nursery School #4 and Miss Alyce Kunugi will take her place. Miss Grace Gojio is Assistant Nursery Teacher in Nursery #4.

Due to relocation and seasonal leaves, we are receiving assistance from high school students during the summer months. There are five of these assistants on the Nursery School staff.

We hope to receive our Nursery School supplies in the near future, which was ordered in the Spring.

The teachers of Nursery School #36 had clean-up after the dismissal of their afternoon classes.

Nursery School #16 brought their broken toys which were tagged for repair.

The weekly Saturday meeting was held by Miss Batchelder in the Science Room on the high School area. Miss Batchelder, Student Teacher Supervisor will leave us for Canada on Thursday, June 29, 1944 and return in August. The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. on June 24, 1944 and adjourned at 11:00 A.M.



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HUNT, IDAHO
July 3, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #76

DATE: June 26 - July 1, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Sup't of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 271, the highest enrollment since the start of the nursery schools. The attendance of the younger children is increasing.

Nursery School #26 has sent their periodicals home for the parent's signatures. These periodical reports are based on the children's progress in the nursery schools, their social, mental, emotional improvements and muscle co-ordination.

Nursery School #36 brought their afternoon group of children for a visit to Nursery School #40. Nursery School #40 was having their circle period which is a period set aside for songs and games.

This week, Nursery School #36 washed their windows in order to place their window decorations.

We did not have our Saturday weekly meeting. During this time, the Nursery School Teachers made preparations for the Fourth of July with special handwork.



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July 10, 1944

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #77

DATE: July 3-8, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment dropped to 262 which is due to the fact that parents are relocating or leaving on seasonal leaves.

The children of all the nursery schools enjoyed parties in observance of the 4th of July and received paper hats which were made during their handwork period.

Mr. Morris Roth, Director of Community Activities, brought novelties for the nursery school children accompanied by Mr. James A. Spriggs, the new elementary School Principal, and Mrs. Bauman, the former Acting School Principal.

The afternoon class of Nursery School #36 visited the hog farm which was an interesting experience for the children.

Saturday morning was spent in filling out the Periodical Growth Reports.



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July 17, 1944

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WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #78

DATE: July 10-15, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 257. The percentage of the monthly attendance from June 19 to July 14, 1944 was 87%.

This week, the children received cantaloupes from the Steward Division for the Snack Period. The children were thrilled to see the whole melons, for the cantaloupes are served in quarter pieces in the dining halls.

Nursery School #16 has been collecting the childrens' handwork to exhibit to the parents who show interest in their childrens' progress. The other nursery schools place these handworks in folders which are sent home. The handwork of the children attending this year lack imagination composed to the children who attended last year. The factor is the camp life of two years or more and limited experiences, as they were too young to remember their pre-evacuation environment.

To offset this affect, these children are taken for walks when the weather is cool to see the victory gardens of the different blocks and the various colored flowers. Since the children have flowers in their own gardens, they bring bouquets to the teachers.

Nursery School #26 teachers washed their windows on Saturday morning. Because we do not have meetings until Miss Batchelder's return, the time is set aside for handwork, schedule preparations and clean-up.



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July 24, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #79

DATE: July 17-22, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 270, an increase in comparison to last week's 257.

Miss Kazuko Amatatsu of Nursery School #40 and Miss Betty Yamada of Nursery School #4 terminated due to seasonal leaves. Miss Masako Nakai, formerly head teacher of Nursery School #4, has returned and is replacing Miss Yamada.

Nursery Schools #26 and 36 are making attractive posters for the childrens' enjoyment.

Nursery School #16 lysolized their tables and toy dishes. They placed the childrens' handwork on the walls as an exhibit for visiting parents.

Nursery School #40 sent the childrens' Periodical Growth Reports and handwork folders home for the parents benefit and signature.

Saturday morning was spent in schedule preparations for the coming week.

Nursery School #40 washed their windows.



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July 31, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #80

DATE: July 24-29, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 270. There are now 56 two year olds, 77 three year olds, 84 four year olds and 51 five year olds.

Miss Marcelline Uyeji, head teacher of Nursery School #16 terminated Saturday, July 29, 1944; we will miss her capable services.

We are now compiling an order for fall supplies which will be combined with the elementary school order.

Nursery #26 and Nursery School #16 exchanged two teachers for the purpose of observing the program of the schools visited. It was a helpful as well as an interesting experience.

The final summer general faculty meeting of all appointed personnel, student teachers, and visiting teachers was held in Block 23 Dining Hall by Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education. The meeting began at 8:45 A.M. on Saturday, July 29, 1944 and adjourned at 10:30 A.M.



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HUNT, IDAHO
August 1, 1944

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Report #81

DATE: July 31-August 5, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur Aleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst, Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 273.

Due to the termination of Miss Marcelline Uyeji last week, Mrs. Dorrie Abe will replace her as the Head Teacher of Nursery School #16; we are glad to receive her services as she has the experience.

The children, who;will attend the kindergarten on September 4, 1944, have been given their physical examinations at Huntville School on Friday, August 4, 1944. Transportation was provided for the children of Area B. Mr. Spriggs, Elementary School Principal of the project, made the necessary arrangements.

A meeting of the Nursery School Teachers was held in Nursery School #26 by Rose Niguma, Assistant Nusery School Supervisor, to discuss and clarify the annual observational summaries of the children who will attend kindergarten this fall. These summaries are to be handed in to the kindergarten teachers.

The fall supply requisitions and plans were also discussed. The meeting began at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, August 5, 1944 and closed at 10:30 A.M.



MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
Hunt, Idaho

Weekly Narrative Report - #82

August 14, 1944

DATE: August 8-12, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Assistant Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 268. The monthly attendance from July 17 to August 11 was 86%, the average daily attendance being 670 children.

There will be 76 children from the five nursery schools who will attend the kindergarten on September 4; 33 boys and 43 girls. Prior to their entrance, these children will receive two weeks vacation.

We are glad to see Miss Bernice Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers, back with us. She visited the nursery schools upon her return.

The morning class of Nursery School 36 visited Nursery School 40 during the circle period. Nursery School 26 have the childrens handwork exhibited on the walls.

Mr. Kleinkopf.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

Hunt, Idaho

August 19, 1944

Weekly Narrative Report

DATE: August 14-19, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Supt. of Education

FROM: Rose Neguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 245; due to 76 children entering into the kindergarten on September 4, 1944, there will be quite a drop in the enrollment.

The fall supply requisition for the Nursery Schools have been compiled and sent to Miss Bernice Batchelder, Supervisor of all Student Teachers.

All the children of the Nursery Schools will start their vacation from August 21 to September 3, 1944. During the interim, the teachers plan to paint and to renew the appearance of their respective nurseries.

Nursery School #26, #36, and #40 have sent to the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Shorthouse, the preliminary enrollment records and the Annual Summaries of their departing children.

Miss Midori Ida of Nursery School #26 terminated, Miss Ida Kubo was acquired to replace her. The high school students who have been assisting during their vacation will terminate on the following Monday of the coming week.

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HUNT, IDAHO

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT-[#]84

SEPTEMBER 11, 1944

DATE: SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1944

TO : MR. ARTHUR M. KLEINKOPF

(SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION)

FROM: ROSE NIGUMA - SUPERVISOR OF NURSERY SCHOOLS

THE NURSERY SCHOOL CHILDREN RETURNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE NURSERIES AFTER A VACATION OF 2 WEEKS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1944.

THE WEEKLY ENROLLMENT WAS 217 - 103 BOYS AND 114 GIRLS.

OVER 50 NEW CHILDREN HAVE REGISTERED FROM THE AGE OF 2 YEARS. BEING INTRODUCED TO THEIR FIRST GLIMPSE INSIDE OF NURSERY SCHOOLS, SOME CHILDREN REACTED BY SHEDDING TEARS SO THEIR PARENTS WILL REMAIN WITH THEM UNTIL THEIR ADJUSTMENT WHICH REQUIRES FROM 3 DAYS TO A WEEK, DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

THE CHILDREN AND THE PARENTS WERE OVERJOYED TO FIND THE CHANGED APPEARANCE OF THE NURSERY SCHOOLS ENHANCED BY COATINGS OF PAINT - THEIR REACTION WAS GRATIFYING TO THE TEACHERS WHO FELT THAT THEIR VACATION WAS WELL-SPENT.

AFTER READING THE ARTICLE, CONCERNING NURSERY SCHOOLS IN THE "IRRIGATOR", THE PARENTS ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE INTEREST AND EFFORTS PLACED IN THE NURSERY SCHOOLS BY THE EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL. WE ARE ANTICIPATING THE NEW TOYS, BOOKS, TABLE COVERINGS AND LINOLEUMS WHICH WE WILL RECEIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE HAVE 2 NEW ASSISTANT TEACHERS, MISS SUSIE KAWATA OF NURSERY SCHOOL 4~~6~~ AND MISS HATTIE TOKIMOTO OF NURSERY SCHOOL 40.

MR. YOSHIMURA, JANITOR OF NURSERY SCHOOLS 4 AND 16, AIDED GREATLY BY WASHING THEIR CHAIRS AND BY POLISHING THEIR STOVES.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1944, WAS SPENT BY PAINTING BLOCKS, OTHER REMAINING ARTICLES AND WEEKLY PLANS WERE SCHEDULED.

Mr. Kleinkopf

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS

HUNT, IDAHO

September 19, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT

Weekly Report #85

DATE: September 11-16, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Asst. Nursery School Supervisor

The weekly enrollment was 220. There was an increase in the absence due to colder weather.

The monthly attendance will be in the latter part of next week since the fall term began on September 4, 1944.

The linoleum rugs arrived at the Nursery Schools this week; we are happy to receive them.

The Junior High-School students of the Vocational Trade measured the table tops to be certain of accuracy.

The Saturday weekly meeting was held in Block 23-7-EF on September 16, 1944. Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Dan Williams, Placement official, were the speakers. Miss Bernice A. Batchelder, Supervisor of Student Teachers, requested the Nursery School Teachers to observe their pupils for any physical handicaps as there will be a cripple childrens' clinic on November 4, 1944. The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. and the dismissal at 11:15 A.M.

MINIDOKA PROJECT SCHOOLS
HUNT, IDAHO
September 25, 1944

WEEKLY NARRATIVE REPORT
Weekly Report #86

DATE: September 18-23, 1944

TO: Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Sup't. of Education

FROM: Rose Niguma, Supervisor of the Nursery Schools

The weekly enrollment was 221; the average daily attendance is 173 children.

The Nursery School children did not attend schools on Friday, September 22, 1944 due to the Idaho Education Association Meeting in Twin Falls. The Nursery School Teachers could not afford, financially, to attend this meeting so they spent their time on Friday and Saturday morning, re-arranging the shelves, tables, chairs etc. to make room for the 9 by 12 linoleums and cleaning during the process. Miss B. Batchelder, Supervisor of All Student Teachers, visited all the Nursery Schools to help unroll the linoleum coverings. The children were enthusiastically pleased with the rugs which will be used during story period, supervised play and rest periods.

The monthly attendance will be in the latter part of next week as every four weeks was specified as the time.

The teachers of the Nursery School #16 were placing their window decorations and their janitor, Mr. Yoshimura was washing their windows, he also takes care of Nursery School #4.

Mr. Ishii, resident of Block 40, voluntarily constructed a wide walk on the path, which the Nursery School children take on their way to the laundry room, in preparation for the coming soggy winter season.

The weekly Saturday meeting was not held to the meeting in Twin Falls.