

Syracuse "Hi" Times

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— SYRACUSE SCHOOL SECTION —

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First Grade.

We have had perfect attendance so far this week and hope it will continue.

We are learning about Columbus discovering our country, America, by listening to stories and learning songs. We will make a picture for Columbus Day.

We have some very pretty bitersweet in our room.

Tuesday we experienced our first indoor recess because of rainy weather and we are learning some new "rainy day" songs.

Second Grade News.

Through an error, Mrs. Leonard Barnhart's name was left out of our list of visiting mothers last week.

Thanks, Jack Clark, for the primrose. We hope it blooms for us.

We are working on the use of capital letters in language.

Our sand table shows the voyage of Columbus. Ralph Bushong and Jack and Robert Dean brought ships to serve as the Santa Maria, the Pinta and the Nina. We have cut these ships as a border for the black board.

Donna Blakesly, Ruth Houser, Marilyn Gawthrop, Virginia Fingler, Nancy Halsey and Jack Lee Duling read stories for us at story time.

We are continuing our food and harvest unit. Fruit posters were made as an art lesson this week.

Third Grade.

Joanne Hoke was absent Tuesday. She has been absent one other day this month and these are the only absences the third grade has had this month.

We want to thank all the people who helped in any way to make our farm look as nice as it does. Since last week it has improved quite a bit. We have a red barn, with animals to go with it. The children did all of the coloring. After we had it finished, everyone made a barn of his own out of a shoebox.

Today, we drew some free-hand leaves and colored them like the leaves we found to use as our guide.

Fourth Grade.

Martha Lee Whitehead is absent from the Fourth grade. She has gone with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitehead, to attend the postmaster's convention at Washington, D. C.

Dean Ruple is visiting Ohio and Pennsylvania this week.

Carolyn Baugher was absent Monday afternoon because of illness.

Barbara Rex was absent Monday afternoon because of illness.

The fourth and fifth grades are planning a series of contests in arithmetic this school term. There will be a prize and the winning class will keep it in their room until it is taken away from them by the other class.

Mrs. M. D. Ruple and Wilma Baker visited the fourth grade one afternoon last week.

Fifth Grade.

In learning the capitals of the England states, the class brought up the capital of Indiana. Joe Hughes was called upon to name the city. He jumped up and promptly said, "Syracuse."

Joe thought because it was the best city it should also be the capital.

Jimmy Connolly was busily engaged in writing the other lay while the class was grading papers. Upon investigation it was revealed that he was writing X's (?)

Mr. Slabaugh visited our room Tuesday afternoon. He was our first visitor this year.

Marguerite Schaffer joined us last week from Wolcottville, and Monday, Carol Miller moved to Toledo, so our number remains at 28.

Sixth Grade.

We have begun the study of the history of our early ancestors.

The class was asked to name what they thought were the three most important steps toward civilization. After much discussion they finally decided that so far as they were concerned the three most important steps were (1) the art of making and using fire, (2) the development of the idea of family relationship or brotherhood, and (3) learning the fine art of cooperation. They reached the conclusion that with the development of these three steps, all other steps would naturally follow.

There were four absences in our class last week. We have noticed that those who are absent the most are the ones who can least afford to miss.

Seventh Grade.

The softball games that have been taking place at noon are over. Mr. Beck's team, the Cubs, finished in first place; Mr. Gustafson's team, the Giants, finished in second; Mr. Barnhart's Yankees were third, and Mr. Byer's Cardinals were fourth. Congratulations! You all did a fine job. Mr. Fidler also did a fine job as umpire.

We are all very sorry that Jeanne Sarver has moved to Michigan City. We all miss her very much.

We have been studying the religious life of the colonists in history and had a very interesting debate on whether the early colonists were more religious than we are today. The captains of the teams were Margaret Miles and Laddie Laughlin. Both teams had very good arguments, but Margaret's side, the negative, won the debate.

Freshman News.

Those absent last week were Donald Miller, Martha Cory, and Eugene Gordon.

We elected class officers Thursday, the seventh period. They are as follows: Charles Kroh, pres.; Mardella Weaver, vice-pres., and James Slabaugh, sec-treas.

The freshman girls beat the sophomore girls Friday in softball. The freshmen will play the juniors Monday.

A new pupil, Mary Ellen Vance, entered our class Monday morning.

Evelyn Sawyer was absent Monday and Tuesday.

Sophomore News.

Embarrassing note:—The sophomore girls played the freshman girls in a game of softball and got beat (?) to (?).

Slabaugh is my teacher, I shall not pass; he maketh me to make dense propositions; he leadeth me to expose my ignorance before the class; he maketh me to make figures on the board for my name sake; yea, tho' I study 'till midnight, I shall gain no geometry for propositions bother me, and originals sorely puzzle me; he prepareth puzzles for me in the presence of mine enemies; he giveth me a low grade and my work runneth under; surely zeroes and conditions will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the geometry class forever.

Junior Class News.

Quite a few of our boys have gone out for basketball this year and have handed in their doctor's permits. We'll all be glad when the season opens.

On Monday noon, the girls played the plucky freshman girls.

I CAN'T IMAGINE: The Junior class not having a good time . . . Lois Davis making all "x's" . . . Galyon Good wearing a 5 1-2 shoe . . . Betty Burrow and Margaret Gibson not giggling . . . Frances Mangus shouting . . . and "Monk" Bell starting any English speech without first scratching his head and saying "well-uh" . . . Gene Wright not passing out chocolate kisses during typing . . . Martha Hibschman or Mary Culler flunking in physical ed . . . Sue Rapp forgetting about "bluebirds" in algebra . . . Gene Smith and

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