

School News

Remedial math program moves ahead at Upchurch

The Remedial Math Program is in full swing at Upchurch again this year, thanks to the success of the program in the 1983-1984 school year.

The continued support of Burlington Industries has helped to expand the program to reach more effectively the objectives of the program for the 1984-1985 school year.

This year funding from Burlington Industries and the school program budget went toward the purchase of additional hardware and software for the computer segment of the remedial program.

This equipment will be used in addition to the materials bought last year in order to enable the teachers of the program to reach more students. The software,

Texas Instruments' PLATO, is designed to teach certain math skills rather than just test.

A teacher will be able to give a student certain lessons that the student might not learn in the normal classroom situation.

The new software provides a different approach. It also enables the student to have extra practice on the problem area that he otherwise might not get.

Also, a student who has the desire to excel will be given the opportunity to move forward beyond the rest of the students in his class while the teacher works with the other students.

The objectives of the remedial program were all reached or exceeded last year, so they have been built upon for the 1984-1985

school year. These are the goals:

- Raise grade placement points (CAT scores) at least ten months.
- Improve everyday skills in math.
- Coordinate instructions to meet the individual needs of identified students.
- Foster self-worth and accomplishment.
- Help develop employable and functional adults.

The success of these objectives will be determined through the use of the students' CAT scores, a school-developed competency test, six-weeks grades, and administrative evaluation.

The two teachers in the program this year are Ed Hendrickson, who

worked with the program last year, and Esther Hollingsworth, a Hoke County native.

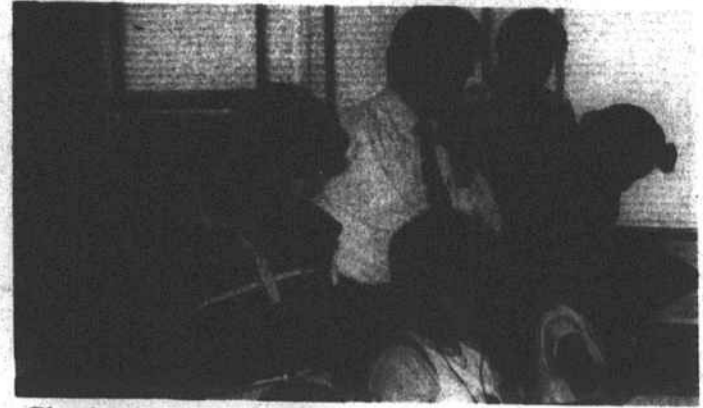
Each has six remedial classes with a maximum of fifteen students in each.

This division of students enables the program to reach the 180 students who are at or below the 35th percentile in mathematics.

The smaller class size also enables the teacher time to work with the individual student more on a one-on-one basis.

Each class also has six computer stations that are used with the program, as mentioned previously.

The computers are used as teacher aides and are not toys or games, as the students would desire, or parents fear.



Checking out program

Burlington Industries representative Harry Williamson (center), Upchurch teachers Donna Kennedy (left), Esther Hollingsworth (right of center) and Edward Hendrix (right) help students check out a new remedial math computer program. The computer programs and equipment were donated by Burlington Industries to Upchurch Junior High School.



Displaying crafts

Mrs. Darlene Clark's 4th grade class made dioramas and displayed Indian crafts. Students are left to right - James Oxendine, David Locklear, and Marc Wertz.

South Hoke celebrates Indian Heritage Week

The faculty, staff, and students began celebrating Indian Heritage Week by erecting bulletin boards and Indian craft displays.

The social studies classes discussed the important contribution of the American Indian to our society.

The highlight of the week was the showing of a movie "Running Brave" by Billy Mills, a 1964

Olympic Medal Winner from South Dakota for the third and fourth graders.

The kindergarten, first and second graders saw a movie, "Proud to be a Lumbee Indian" which instilled pride in being what you are.

The students seem to have had a wonderful time celebrating Indian Heritage Week.



Viewing exhibit

Turlington sixth graders Bobbie Jacobs and Danny Jacobs look over the exhibit of Indian crafts and jewelry.

Guest lecturer brightens Turlington Indian studies

As the highlight of Indian Heritage Week, J.W. Turlington was delighted to host Mrs. Bernice Doerson, a teacher at Eastern Bible Institute located at Shannon.

Mrs. Doerson and her late husband traveled each summer to Indian reservations throughout the United States and Canada doing missionary work.

She had her program in the library where she talked to two-three classes at a time.

She showed slides of numerous reservations she has visited.

Her humorous and delightful commentary not only exposed students to different Indian cultures, but also kept them hypnotized with interest.

She brought with her numerous items which depicted various aspects of Indian life. She had a life-size, hand-made canoe, a pair of moose hide moccasins, and a backboard for carrying a baby.

Numerous other activities, projects, and films have been

prevalent this week at J.W. Turlington to celebrate Indian Heritage Week.

The music classes discussed the importance of music to Indian lifestyles.

They learned about various Indian legends, customs, and instruments. Their activities were highlighted with Indian songs and dances.

Mrs. Doerson volunteered her time to enlighten others.

Also during the week, Indian Heritage was "celebrated" in the Art Classes of Hope Williams, J.W. Turlington School.

Williams' students were exposed to the crafts of three Southwestern Indian Tribes - the Hopi, Navajo, and the Iroquoise.

This "exposure" was due to a film from the state library in Raleigh which showed the Art students the processes of weaving, jewelry-making, basketry, masks and doll wood-carving.

After the film the students had the opportunity to learn and to make an "Indian Pinch Pot" from clay.

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