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for your information

Sixth graders who build geodesic domes are impressive, but their opportunity to do so represents only a fraction of Booker Sixth Grade Center's Math Program impact.

Under Booker's individualized approach to math learning, students set directions for their studies which correspond to their particular need. Building a geodesic dome indicates an ability to multiply decimals as well as manipulate all other math skills expected of the well-rounded sixth grader.

The dome means continued challenge for those who need it. A student who has trouble with one particular skill or another, however, can work on his individual need without pressure from a textbook which dictates the learning sequence. Areas of need are determined by past experience and diagnostic tests.

Pupils contract on a weekly basis for skills to be learned and work to be completed. They set their own deadlines, decide on materials to be used, and record progress in diaries.

Teacher Peg Calhoun indicated the system's keystone is "decision making on the part of the child. He learns to manage his own time and is responsible for everything that happens to him in class."

Teachers have a special feeling of accomplishment. Freed from the traditional course strait-jacket and using diagnostic tools, they can attack unique problems--and everybody is unique--without delay. The child succeeds, the teacher succeeds, and everyone is happy.

There are other sources of happiness too. For one, Booker's math is directly related to real life. No need exists to translate classroom exercises into real world experiences. Everything taught in relevant terms equals instant application plus no frustration.

More happiness stems from that which are part of math but usually not included in elementary math courses.

Such things as constructing magic squares, of cardboard, working with Napier's Bones (a 17th century multiplication device), learning medieval math (14th and 15th century methods of subtraction and multiplication which are easier and make more sense than present methods), building and flying kites as examples of practical geometry, building binary computers to program and play games on, -and experimenting with components of the metric system (a great introduction to decimals), are all fun...and also deviously good teaching devices.

Tom Camilli, Booker Math Department Chairman, commented that students having fun with a tangram, a Chinese puzzle employing different geometric shapes, are not explicitly told they are really manipulating fractions. "If they were, they might not want to do it," he said.

Waiting to "outgrow" acne can be a serious mistake, a medical health tip points out. Treatment can improve appearance and minimize the problem of permanent care.

Although acne lesions most often appear on the face, they may also show up on the back, chest, shoulders and neck. Washing frequently with a mild skin cleanser is usually suggested as a part of treatment. Lotions and creams available at the drugstore may be of value, the health tip advises. However, it's important to read the directions on the label and follow them carefully.

Reducing oiliness and mild peeling are considered helpful. (Medicated acne creams available at drugstores can be used for this purpose, pHisoAc is one that is reported to spread easily, and is virtually odorless.)

If acne persists despite good cleansing and proper use of lotions and creams, a physician should be consulted. X-ray therapy, antibiotics, or any number of other therapies can be employed to help the individual patient.

Picking, scratching, popping and squeezing lesions or blackheads are warned against, they may lead to infection or scarring.

Vitamin C--heralded in the last few years as effective in combatting the symptoms of colds when consumed in large doses--may be effective in much smaller amounts than previously believed.

Dr. Terence W. Anderson, an epidemiologist at the University of Toronto, reported on the therapeutic value of reduced dosages of Vitamin C at a conference in October in New York.

A 30 percent reduction in the severity of cold symptoms was reported among persons who took only small amounts of Vitamin C--less than 250 milligrams a day regularly and one gram a day when cold symptoms occurred, he reported. The results were based on a controlled study of more than 600 volunteers in Toronto.

For further relief of cold symptoms other doctors continue to recommend aspirin, liquids, and rest. Nasal stuffiness can be relieved with a decongestant spray or drops, such as Neo-Synephrine.

The amounts of Vitamin C recommended by the Canadian researcher represent only a fraction of those advocated by Dr. Linus Pauling three years ago in his book Vitamin C and the Common Cold. The subject remains a matter of controversy among medical professionals.

District Health Department officials remind parents that a free immunization clinic is scheduled at the Boys Club at 2530 E. Carey in North Las Vegas from 9 AM to noon on Friday (January 3).

Immunizations for diphtheria, polio and measles (both rubella and rubeola) will be available from the public health nurse for children and young people from two months to 21 years old.

Please call the Health Department for further information.

CARSON CITY--The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles emphasizes that motorists with Nevada plates and new residents with out-of-state plates expiring this month should renew their registration by December 31st.

Harold Harmon, Assistant Chief of the Department's Registration Division said, "Motorists whose out-of-state plates expire this month and are registering their vehicles for the first time must have the serial number verified before registering the vehicle. Trucks and trailers weighing over 1,000 pounds must also

New Federal legislation triggered by the nation's growing unemployment problems will mean first-time-ever unemployment benefits for some eligible jobless Nevadans and extra weeks of benefits for others, at no cost to Nevada employers, the chief of the Nevada Employment Security Department said Tuesday.

Department Director Larry McCracken said the two newly enacted federal unemployment benefits programs were the one-year Special Unemployment Assistance program (SUA), effective Dec. 22, and a two-year Emergency Compensation (EC) measure, effective Dec. 31. Each program is 100 per cent federally funded in respect both to benefits and administrative costs, McCracken said.

The job chief said SUA provides unemployment compensation for jobless whose occupational fields were not covered by previous programs. Among the areas now included are agricultural and domestic work and certain state and local government jobs. About the only type of work not covered by the new program is self-employment, he said.

McCracken said the employment department's local offices would begin in mid-Jan. to accept initial claims from applicants for SUA assistance. Applications will be back-dated to the Dec. 22 trigger-in date for claimants who would have been eligible to file at that time.

Unemployed Nevadans who qualify for additional weeks of benefits under the new EC program will be notified by the department of their eligibility. The director said this measure provides up to 13 weeks of additional compensation.

McCracken said the department's largest local office--at Eighth and Carson Streets in Las Vegas--and its new

North Las Vegas office have already extended the business hours of their unemployment sections to accommodate the additional claimants expected under

the new measures. The Las Vegas and North Las Vegas unemployment sections are now open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. *****



HAPPY GROUP -- These 135 young ballplayers of the Aaron Williams Youth Group of Las Vegas were a happy band as they lined up to feast on some of Bill Stennis' sunshine fresh Golden Bird chicken Saturday, in the Crenshaw Shopping Center as guests of the Golden Bird and Lamar Hill of Angelus Funeral Home. Former Baltimore Colts all-pro John Mackay, pictured in the center of the photo, stopped by the Golden Bird to greet these young diamond stars.

CORRECTION: We wish to apologize for the December 19th issue, we spelled Commissioner Aaron Williams name wrong. The layout was a paid advertisement.

Dr. Lok Yee Kung

Dr. Lok Yee Kung, the master acupuncturist who conducted the historic demonstration which led to the legalization of acupuncture in Nevada, has opened his clinic at 4045 South Spencer St., where he will practice acupuncture and moxibustion.

Dr. Lok is world-renowned as a master of acupuncture. In his 35 years of practice of Chinese medicine he has been recognized throughout the world as one of the great masters. Dr. Lok, at the invitation of the New York State Medical Association, the second largest in the U.S., lectured to thousands of medical doctors. He has also lectured at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Dr. Lok, at the invitation of the Nevada legislature in March 1973, gave a three-week demonstration of acupuncture to the legislators in Carson City. They were so impressed by the favorable results that they quickly approved legislation recognizing acupuncture and Chinese medicine as a legal profession.

Dr. Lok, was appointed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan to a three-year term as a member of the Chinese Medicine Advisory Board Committee. In addition to being licensed as a practitioner by the Republic of China, he is also licensed by the Nevada Chinese Board of Medicine. Dr. Lok also received a degree of doctor of acupuncture and professorship from the British College of Acupuncture, as the first overseas practitioner to be awarded such an honor.

Dr. Lok, prior to his arrival in Las Vegas, was for eighteen years, president and professor of Hong Kong College of Chinese Acupuncture; he was also president and professor of Kowloon College of Chinese Medicine for six years, and prior to his departure for Las Vegas was appointed permanent and Honorary President of said Kowloon College.


