

Spring is Bustin' Out All Over

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Bunnies, Radishes and Pumpkin Seed

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They're Peeking Out!

It DOES take sunshine and water to make them grow. That's what these preschoolers at the Torrance Cooperative Nursery found out when they experimented with seed planting, some with sun only, some with water only and some with sun and water. Making the terrific discovery are, from left, Eric, Lyle, 4, on his knees; Craig Jones, 4, and David McBride, 3.

"See How They Grow"—and that's from classmates to radishes for the preschool youngsters attending the Torrance Cooperative Nursery at 4558 W. 182nd St.

Spring has arrived at the school and "growth" is the key word. The children are not only interested in the "bustin' out all over" of nature in the springtime but they are interested in their classmates as well, so they keep a chart of height and weight of their little friends.

Each child has his own garden plot, it's a two foot square, and radishes and pumpkins are the current crop productions. The pumpkin seeds, by the way, were saved from the jack o'lantern the children enjoyed last Halloween.

Another project in experimental horticulture is finding out just what it takes to make a seed grow. In a small container, the seeds are planted, some seeds get only water, no sun; some get sun and no water; and in one container, the seeds get sun and water, and to the amazement of these tiny farmers these are the ones that are flourishing.

It can't be a farm without livestock, so Mother Brownie produced four fluffy baby rabbits about two weeks ago and the farmers and farmerettes are doing their chores. The four little bunnies are getting the best of care and for all this gentle care they will join in the "hippity hop" of all bunnies on Easter Sunday morning.

As the culmination of the unit of study on growth, Mrs. Mary Ann Kessenick, director, has planned for a field trip to a farm. After the trip to the farm, the children will return to the

school to churn their own butter, another phenomenon of nature.

To climax the arrival of spring at the nursery, a Spring Festival is being planned for May. The children will stage a Maypole dance and a play about "Bingo, The Bunny".

Parents of the youngsters will hold an Open House at the school on May 2 and invite the public to attend. The Torrance Cooperative Nursery is sponsored by the Adult Education Dept. of Torrance Unified School district. Both adult education and pre-school are linked, providing a unique nursery school program.

From 9 a.m. to noon daily the children are provided experiences aimed at helping their social, physical, emotional and intellectual growth. Emphasis is on the individual child, who is guided in self-help. Evening meetings on child development are provided for parents.

Information on fall registration may be obtained from Mrs. Bruce Brown, membership chairman.



How Tall Am I?

Everything's growing this spring at the Cooperative Nursery attended by preschoolers who are marveling at Mother Nature in the Spring. The youngsters are not only amazed at plants and bunnies but at their own growth which is checked regularly. Here, Stephen Huskins, 4, waits for Mrs. Richard Wagoner to count the inches.



It's Juice Time

What with all the cares of a small farm, from planting, cultivating and tending the young livestock, a lot of vitamin C is needed. At regular "juice time" calls, tired little farmers and farmerettes gather round for their share of "energy liquid." Indulging in a "juice break" are, from left, four-year-olds Philip Hudak, Mary Lynn Doty and Tera Galanti.



Grow for Easter "Hippity Hop"

Mother Brownie, pet at the Nursery School, did her part in the Spring Growth Study for the preschoolers by producing four fluffy babies about two weeks ago. The bunnies are getting the best of care

in preparation for their Easter debut. Just adding "love" are Mrs. John McBride, holding a bunny for onlookers Jacqueline Lee, 4; Joel Lawrence, 5, and Karen Swearingen, 4. (Photos by Press-Herald)

For Many Hours of Service

Riviera Marigolds Presented Awards

Marigolds, teenage volunteers at Riviera Community Hospital, 4052 W. 225th St., Torrance recently won words of praise along with service awards for several thousand hours of work at the hospital.

The occasion was the annual tea held to recognize the valued work of the group of 28 girls. Their efforts to make patient stays in the hospital as pleasant as possible were praised by C. L. Peterson, hospital administrator, and Mrs. Lyle MacDonald, Torrance, president of the Riviera Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. Donald V. Edwards, Redondo Beach, Marigold advisor, presented service pins.

A 500-hour pin went to Marnie Josephson, Palos Verdes, former president of the group. Marilyn McLuxa, Torrance, received a pin for 300 hours of service work.

Two hundred hours of work earned pins for Kathy Woodson, Nancy Mullen, Dolly Rea and Cherrie Button, all of Torrance.

Awards for 50 hours of work were given Kay Corbett and Linda Blair of Torrance and Lydia Barkley and Kathleen Edwards of Redondo Beach.

A special award of an engraved bracelet chain was made to former Marigold Maureen O'Brien of Torrance. She had a total of

1334 hours of service.

A highlight of the program was the presentation to each girl of a white and gold embroidered medallion to wear on her uniform for

identification as a volunteer.

Recently elected officers of the Marigolds are Dolly Rea, president; Cherrie Button, vice president; Kathleen Edwards, secretary; Nancy

Mullen, treasurer and Kathy Woodson, historian.

Membership in the group is open to girls 16 years of age who must give four hours of work per month.



Service to Others

Awards were presented to Marigolds, teenage volunteer workers at Riviera Community Hospital, during the annual tea held to recognize the valued work of the girls. Mrs. Lyle MacDonald, Torrance, left, president of the hospital women's auxiliary, presents an award for 200 hours of service to Cherrie Button, Torrance, right; Nancy Mullen, Torrance, beside Mrs. MacDonald, and Lydia Barkley, Redondo Beach, among other girls rewarded for service.