

Our class activities for the children vary in each building depending on the children's ages. This past school year we were very blessed to have a local Boy Scout leader donate his time every other Thursday so that our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys could become boy scouts. Of course, with so many different personalities of our kids, a few of the boys decided they were NOT going to like this "Boy Scout" thing. Well, it didn't take too many Thursdays for the guys to change their minds and join in the group! Being able to be a Boy Scout is one of the many things most of our children would never be able to experience if they weren't at Cherry Street. What a blessing you are to our children so that they can be here! Once the boys were kept busy, we then planned a "special" program for the girls on Thursdays! The girls spent time in the scriptures, with an emphasis on purity, inner beauty compared to outer beauty, having quiet times, and building a relationship with the Lord. The girls made bath salts which were called "Prayer Salts" to encourage them to spend time talking to God. Clay critters were made one day when the theme for the day was how God created each of us "special". Reminding the girls that we are the clay and He is the Potter. Ministering to our children is truly a two edged sword—The first time each school year that we have a new child who hears for the first time that God made him so very special - their eyes open with such wonder that someone



loves them so much and made them so special—our hearts fill with tenderness for this child and then our hearts ache when we realize that Cherry Street (and not a parent) was the first to tell this little child that he or she is so very special. As a culmination of the years spent at Cherry Street, the fifth grade girls get to have a tea party at Bracelets are Us. Each girl made a "special" bracelet for themselves (donated by Bracelets are Us) and was presented with a "special" token gift and a Study Bible. The two leaders for the girls, Carolyn

Hurst and Gail Klaassen, shared something special about each girl to the group. The photo was taken at the Tea Party! Smiles abound—a couple of the girls talked about how they are going to come back to volunteer next year when they go to Royster Middle High. For some of the girls this has been a safe, warm haven to go to since Kindergarten. We will miss them—we always do!

You might have been wondering gardening project has been working-flooding! Well, we have found a new they make great boots! The children onions and potatoes today with mac made pickles with their cucumbers



and boy were they good! One morning I happened to notice two children "hoeing" the garden. It looked like a great way to take out your frustrations!



about how our recent with all of this rain and use for Wal-mart bags—are eating fresh green beans, and cheese. Last week they



I had never seen such enthusiasm chopping down weeds (at LEAST two inches tall) with a hoe in all my life! The children are really enjoying working with the soil and are tremendously proud of their vegetables!

School enrollment is just around the corner, August 2nd, and we will be having Cherry Street registration the following week. Once again, we will be distributing school supplies to not only Cherry Street children but to low income families who do not attend the Center. I noticed this week Wal-Mart has started putting their school supplies out. We will be planning on handing out over 150 sets of supplies—that is a lot of pencils, paper, scissors and pencil boxes! If you would like to help with this project, the office at 710 N. Forest will be accepting donations Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:30, July 30th to August 3rd.

We will be receiving our bulk food order in August for the '07—'08 school year. The total cost of the order was just over \$6,000. If you would like to help with this project, your donation would be greatly appreciated!

- God Bless You! Barb Prier, Director

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