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"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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VACATION TIME

Summer was a busy time for Small Cloud teachers and volunteers. Not only did the teachers spend a lot of time preparing academically for the new school year, but they also decided it was time to switch the classrooms around, placing the primary classroom on the side where the kitchen is located. So—with the time and muscle strength of several volunteers—a grand piano, a teacher's desk, and a large toy organizer were relocated. Small bookshelves were repositioned; even white boards were moved.

Moving these items provided an excellent opportunity to do a thorough cleaning as well. All the carpeting was steam cleaned and the kitchen linoleum scrubbed and bleached. Loose baseboards were reglued; light fixtures were removed, cleaned, and put back in place.

Outside there was a lot of work as well. All the containers that held the play equipment had to be cleaned and organized. (It seems the spiders really like this area, so our volunteers sprayed for spiders too.) The back porch was reorganized and cleaned, and a closer was reinstalled on the front door.

Mr. Schendel, with his tractor, dug out the play area where the swings are so that a thicker layer of woodchip cushioning can be put in. After asking a company to donate bark, we await a reply.

What once was the middler classroom has become a computer room. New programs include Rosetta Stone (to learn foreign languages), Deluxe Checking (how to write checks and balance a checkbook), Mavis Beacon (how to keyboard), and Microsoft Office (including instructions for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). What a blessing computers can be!

Stephen Nelson was one year old on June 8. Three days later his family and friends from Small Cloud celebrated his birthday at the Folsom Zoo. They toured the zoo, enjoyed a picnic lunch, and rode the small train (toot, toot).

As soon as school let out in June, the Seely family moved closer to the school (from Fiddletown to Ione). Then, in August, Mrs. Seely planned and prepared meals for several days

for our church ministers and Bible workers. At the same time, she conducted a mini Vacation Bible School for the children of the ministers and Bible workers. This was followed by a church conference and a trip to Yosemite National Park with her family and her sister's family, who reside in Florida.

While running after her toddler, Mrs. Nelson worked very hard to finish her continuing education to maintain her teaching credential. Her last class was an interesting art course, from which she learned a lot. She completed many drawings, including those of her husband, dad, and mom. (Okay, she's still an amateur, but her drawings do bear a resemblance to the persons who sat for them!)

Mike Alford and Mrs. Nelson attended bus driving classes, and we are so happy that both of them passed their written exams with the California Highway Patrol. Although we are not currently using our little school bus, our bus drivers want to be prepared when enrollment picks up again.



Skye DuBoyce, age 5

Our new student this year is Skye DuBoyce. Her parents moved here from Hawaii to place their daughter in Small Cloud. Dad is finishing up his job in Maui but plans to join his family here permanently in January of 2007.

Two of our students are spending their last year here at Small Cloud. Stephanie Knezovich is eighteen years old and has attended Small Cloud for eight years.

Paea Inukiha'angana, who started here at Small Cloud as a first-grader, will be celebrating his eighteenth birthday soon. Arrangements are being made for him to enter the Job Corps. He is really excited about the opportunity to learn a trade. We will miss both Steph and Paea a lot.

We hope you are enjoying the newsletters. If you have any comments or questions, please contact us. Be sure to try the "Butter" recipe on page 2. Unlike most store-bought margarines, this spread contains only healthful, plant-based ingredients. Yum! ■

MAKING BUTTER

by Andie Seely, age 11



I made butter. I put cream into a jar and shook it a lot. I rolled it. I got tired, but I did not stop. I had fun. Then I took it to my mom. She said, "Keep on shaking!" I was really tired!

Editor's Note: To illustrate the way molecules are formed when atoms bump into each other, Andie made a clump of butter from the random bits floating around in some cream.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

by Sarah Kidane, age 12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Herod was king at that time. After Jesus was born, wise men from the East went to Jerusalem in search of Jesus. When they got there, they went to see Herod. They asked him where the king of the Jews was because they had seen an unusual star in the east. The wise men had been led to Jerusalem by the star.

When Herod heard that Jesus was born, he was troubled. He immediately called the priests and asked them where the Christ child was supposed to be born. The priests told him that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem of Judea. The priests didn't know that Jesus was born either. They didn't study the Scriptures deeply.

Then Herod privately asked the wise men what time the star had appeared. He told them to go look for the child and when they found him to come back and tell him so he could go to worship Him. Herod's plan was to kill Jesus. Because Herod wasn't Jewish, he was scared that Jesus, who was a Jew, would take over his throne.

After the wise men departed, they saw the star in the East, and it led them again. When they got to the place where Jesus was, the star stopped. As soon as they saw the baby Jesus in Mary's lap, they fell down and worshipped Him. They presented Him with three gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh. That night God warned the wise men not to go back to Herod. They listened and took a different way back to their country.

After they had left, God appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus, flee into Egypt, and stay there until they were told they could come back. If they hadn't left, Herod would have killed Jesus. They fled that night to Egypt and stayed there until Herod died.

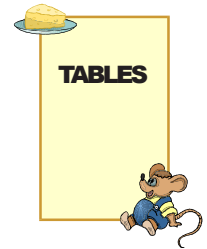
Editor's Note: Sarah wrote this article after she and the other secondary students had finished their study of the life of Christ.



WISH LIST

Small Cloud has received two folding tables (Costco, Item #772544) in response to its request. Thank you so very much!

If anyone else wishes to donate, we do need a few more tables. The price of each table is \$49.99. ■



... AN SCCS FAVORITE

HEALTHY "BUTTER"

(no hydrogenated fats)

1. Into your blender (preferably a VitaMix) place:
1/2 cup water
1 piece of carrot (about 3" long)
2. Add:
2 tablespoons powdered rice milk
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon granulated lecithin
3. Blend well; then add slowly while continuing to blend:
1/2 cup safflower or grapeseed oil
4. Finally, blend in:
1/2 cup coconut oil
5. Blend thoroughly at high speed for 2-3 minutes.

Pour butter into a container and chill in the refrigerator until firm. (If separation takes place, take the butter out of the refrigerator, let it soften a little, and whip it in the blender again on low speed until thoroughly blended. Place the "butter" back in the refrigerator to harden again.)

Coconut oil (fat) melts at 90 degrees. Therefore it will melt once it is in your mouth, becoming a free-flowing oil. Free-flowing oils digest more easily.

(Adapted from a recipe in *Ten Talents*, by Frank J. Hurd, D.C., and Rosalie Hurd, B.S.)

THE PARENTING CORNER

"Instead of dwelling where only the works of men can be seen, where the sights and sounds frequently suggest thoughts of evil, where turmoil and confusion bring weariness and disquietude, go where you can look upon the works of God. Find rest of spirit in the beauty and quietude and peace of nature. Let the eye rest on the green fields, the groves, and the hills. Look up to the blue sky, unobscured by the city's dust and smoke, and breathe the invigorating air of heaven." - Ellen G. White, *The Adventist Home* (Review and Herald Publishing Association), 131-132. ■

