



David Bonacci has learned his lesson well, the best part of school is playing with the toys, which he does in the photo above.



Mrs. Bauer gives Christine Call a hand with her slip.

Visiting The Little People

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St. Salome's School has added something special for children young enough to qualify, a nursery, which it calls the "Little People's School."

The new program, which began Sept. 17, offers the registered 38 four and five-year-olds a chance to mix with their peers and gives them the opportunity to learn how to get along with one another.

Children may attend the school two, three or five days a week. Tuition ranges from \$140 to \$300 for the year.

School begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 11:20 a.m., according to Mrs. Mary Bauer, the teacher.

Activities start with a free play period

where some youngsters mount rocking horses and others romp on the exercise mat. Blackboard space is at a premium as children draw funny faces and smear their own with chalk rainbows.

Circle time follows and furnishes children with a chance to describe some of their experiences to classmates and the teacher. The morning of my visit, squirrels were the favorite topic of conversation because they seem so often killed by cars.

Snack time was as enjoyable for children as it was hectic for Mrs. Bauer, who, miraculously, managed to be in complete control of enthusiastic youngsters, crackers and milk.

Rest time was one of the less popular periods, with youngsters anxious to be up and around rather than on their resting mats.



Larry Goss, above, doesn't mind having his picture taken as long as it doesn't interrupt his snack.



In the above photo, the class forms a circle under the watchful eye of Mrs. Bauer and the class puppet.