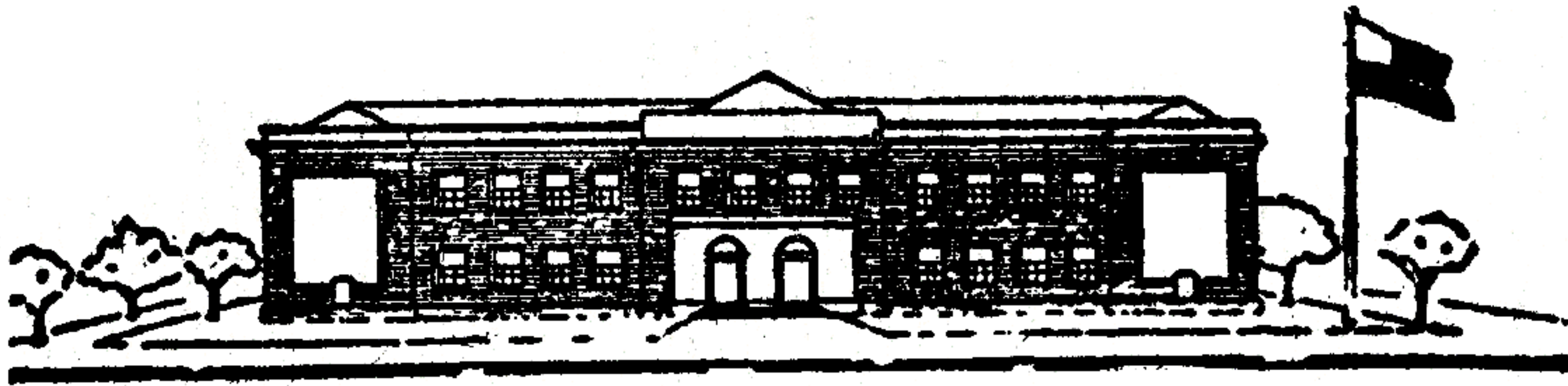


Class Day Exercises



Brackett School

June 20, 1961

Arlington, Massachusetts

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P R O G R A M

Song: "America the Beautiful" Entire Class

Welcome: Brian Corkery, Master of Ceremonies

Greetings: Mrs. Mario Stefanini
President, Brackett P.T.A.

Presentation of Flowers: Judy Stiles
Joseph D'Amore

<u>Class History:</u>	Kindergarten:	Patricia Fahey
	Grade One:	Linda Toronto
	Grade Two:	Karen Johnson
	Grade Three:	Marian O'Loughlin
	Grade Four:	Roberta Mahoney
	Grade Five:	John Keohane
	Grade Six:	Susan Stiles

Class Prophecy: Patricia Albano
Frank Foster
Robert Green

Presentation of Class Gift: Mary Der

Group of Songs: "Teach Us to Worship Thee"
"Ah! Lovely Meadows"
"Why Are We Waiting"

Special Announcement: Marion Mulcahey
Paul Stevens

Speakers from Junior High West: Nancy Jacobsen
James Tiede

Closing Remarks: Miss Frances P. Moran,
Principal

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C L A S S R O L L

Room 22 --- Mrs. Craven

Stephen Barru

Patricia Albano

Anthony Cammarata

Mary Der

Mark Connelly

Patricia Fahey

Brian Corkery

Karen Johnson

James Cram

Roberta Mahoney

Joseph D'Amore

Christine Morrison

Charles Dupee

Marion Mulcahey

Frank Foster

Marian O'Loughlin

Robert Green

Katherine Parese

David Grillo

Judy Stiles

Lee Holman

Susan Stiles

John Keohane

Jill Taylor

Thomas Pooley

Linda Toronto

Russell Rumsey

Paul Stevens

Class History

KINDERGARTEN

It was seven years ago when our mothers led us into the room where Mrs. Florian, our teacher, waited. School was a new adventure for us and we faced it eagerly. In kindergarten we learned to paste, draw, color, sing songs, and play games. We soon learned the alphabet, how to print our names, and how to count from one to ten. We had morning exercises just like all the other grades. We then sang songs and played games. After we had our milk and crackers we had a rest period. Our work period consisted of drawing pictures and coloring them. Sometimes we even cut out pictures and pasted them. We usually had a party for every holiday. For Halloween we dressed up in costumes and visited the other classrooms. This was fun as we enjoyed frightening the other boys and girls with our spooky costumes. In May we had a May dance around the May Pole. At the end of the year we received black caps and diplomas. The parents were invited to attend our graduation. We were very proud of ourselves as we had completed our first year in school and were now prepared for first grade.

Patricia Fahey

GRADE ONE

As we left kindergarten and entered the first grade we were looking forward to all the new subjects we would learn. The most important subject in first grade was reading. We learned the vowel sounds and the consonants. We thought we were very grown up as we read about "Dick, Jane, and Sally." Writing short sentences was fun. Soon we could write stories consisting of three or four sentences. In arithmetic we learned how to add and subtract simple facts, and could now count from one to one hundred. We played with a toy cash register, which taught us the value of coins. Music was a subject we all enjoyed. We learned the scale and could beat out the rhythm of any song. We studied an opera called "Little Black Sambo". That year we learned many songs. Art was fun because we cut out pictures, pasted, and drew animals, houses, and people. At recess we enjoyed playing Dodge Ball. Most of our games were played in a big circle. Miss Daley and Miss Gordon were our wonderful teachers that year. We were grateful to them for teaching us so well.

Linda Toronto

GRADE TWO

September rolled around once again and there we were ready to begin second grade. We were sorry to leave the first grade, but were most anxious to meet Miss McEwen and Miss Hogan. With these two wonderful teachers we learned addition and subtraction facts through the twenty family. Telling time, counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's, and learning how to use money, were all part of our study of arithmetic. Spelling was a new subject for us this year. We had work books in which we learned new words each week. In reading we reviewed the vowel sounds and learned the blends, such as bl, cr, and st. We gave oral stories in language, and wrote simple ones. Our teachers read poems to us, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Grade Two (cont.)

We began cursive writing in the second grade. This made us feel quite grown up as we had learned manuscript writing, or printing, in the first grade. At music time we learned to read notes, sing songs, and play the instruments for the Toy Orchestra. We all took part in this orchestra in the Christmas Program. The Boston Pops had nothing on us! Science was fun. We learned about nature, and did many experiments. Miss McKwen's class that year won a party for having the greatest number of dental cards in the building. It was the only second grade to win such a party. At recess we either played kick ball or learned more new dances. Some days we learned to march or even do stunts. We were sorry to leave our teachers, but were happy that summer vacation was near, and that we could look forward to third grade.

Karen Johnson

GRADE THREE

While we were in third grade at Brackett School, Mrs. Dupree and Miss Costello were our teachers. We felt quite grown up because this was our first year of writing the whole year through. I remember how proud we were when our teachers handed us our first pens. Every morning after opening exercises we had arithmetic. We learned how to carry in addition, borrow in subtraction, do simple multiplication and division facts, and solve problems. In social studies we learned about food, clothing, shelter, and transportation. We all enjoyed reading because of the many books that were available to us. Science proved to be interesting. We studied about the world, sun, leaves, trees, rocks and minerals. In language we wrote friendly letters and stories. More words were added to our vocabularies through spelling. Each day we would look forward to recess because we learned to play softball. During the winter months we learned many enjoyable dances in the gymnasium.

Grade Three (cont.)

We took a trip that year to the Hostess Cup Cake Factory. All were in favor of a return trip, especially for the samples. All too soon the year came to an end, but we were very well prepared for fourth grade.

Marian O'Loughlin

GRADE FOUR

Since there was only one fourth grade that year our teacher was Miss Delay. It was quite a thrill to have our room on the top floor of the building.

We soon learned that this was the grade in which history was taught. We studied about the world and then made booklets on our own town, Arlington. This was also the first year that we made book reports. We received a certificate for every five reports that we did. Arithmetic was fun because we got a star next to every multiplication and division fact that we learned. Spelling Bees were held about every two weeks. Everyone wanted to be a winner and receive a prize. In music we were proud of ourselves when we learned our first two-part song. We sang beautifully. At least that's what we thought! In science we studied about nature to prepare us for fifth grade nature study. For art, we made murals about Arlington and did many designs. In language we learned to write reports, stories, and letters. That year we practiced answering the telephone and taking messages. Miss Delay might have had a big class that year, but she thoroughly taught each and every one of us what we should know for fifth grade.

Roberta Mahoney

GRADE FIVE

In the fifth grade our wonderful teacher was Miss Callanan. We learned many things under her supervision. Reading was a favorite subject. Reading to remember and reading to gain facts were stressed during the school year. In language we learned how to make reports and outlines. We learned, too, the importance of summarizing. We learned many new things in arithmetic, such as long division, addition and subtraction of fractions, and problems asking us to find perimeter and area. Social studies was especially interesting to us, as we studied about the history and geography of our own United States. We collected information and made booklets on the various states. Science was a subject we all enjoyed. Through the teachings of Miss Hoeflich we became familiar with rocks, soil, mushrooms, lichen trees, toads, owls, and snakes. Our field trip that year was to Drumlin Farm, a wild-life sanctuary. We had many humorous experiences that year, such as the garter snake that crawled out of the terrarium and has never been found even to this day. On another morning, much to our amazement, we found that the moths had escaped from their cocoon and had laid eggs all over the room. The months rolled by very quickly and it was time once again to put our books away. We studied hard in fifth grade to prepare ourselves for our last year at Brackett School.

John Keohane

GRADE SIX

As we left fifth grade and entered sixth grade we all had thoughts of hard work, but with the help and patience of our teacher, Miss Cusick, we managed to survive. This year was an eventful year for us. Our teacher, Miss Cusick, became Mrs. Craven. Even though she changed her name, she was still the same enjoyable teacher.

Grade Six (cont.)

At the beginning of the year we thought the arithmetic was easy. That was because we were having a review of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. As the year progressed we were taught how to multiply and divide fractions, and then how to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals. We did much work in finding area, perimeter and the volume of a solid. In history we traced the development of civilization from the days of prehistoric man to modern times. Geography was interesting as we studied about the countries of Europe, Asia and Africa. Most of our work in social studies consisted of working in groups and reporting on various assigned topics. We mastered the eight parts of speech in language and learned to pick out the subject and predicate of a sentence. For creative writing we wrote poetry and many compositions. Reading proved to be very interesting this year for we had several reading books. The books varied from our basic text books to Junior Scholastic Magazine, which kept us up to date on current events. We all worked hard writing book reports to get our certificates. Once a week we met in the school library with the librarian, Mrs. Glover, and could choose any book we wished to read. Some of us met with Mr. Donahue in a regular classroom for French. Others met with him in the new mobile language laboratory.

Our science this year was physical science, which was the study of solids, liquids and gases. It was fun to do experiments in the science laboratory. We had a Science Club and did everything from making electromagnetic cranes to shooting off rockets. In addition to our regular school curriculum we had a dancing class every other Wednesday taught by Mr. Curry. He taught us the basic dance steps and the proper manners to use when you are going to a party or dance. At the end of the year the whole class was invited to a dance held at the Arlington Town Hall.

This year our music consisted of three part songs. This was quite an accomplishment since we had only been singing two parts previously. We took two field trips.

One was to the Science Museum and one was to the "Seven Wonders of the World". We had a wonderful time at both of them and we learned a lot from them. Now another school year has come to an end. As we look forward to Junior High, I'm sure everybody would agree this was one of the most memorable years we ever had at Brackett School.

Susan Stiles

Class Prophecy

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Date: June 12, 1975

Scene: T. W. A. plane headed for Detroit out of New York.

Bob: Frank, that sure was a tough game. We were lucky to win it. I'm glad you're spending the summer with us as team doctor. It's a good vacation from your regular practice. Wouldn't you like a cup of coffee?
Stewardess! Two coffees, please. Say, aren't you Patricia Albano? I heard you were an airplane hostess.
(Turning to Frank) You might be interested to know that Paul Stevens has a large sporting goods store in the White Mountains.
Thank you. (to the stewardess). We'll talk with you later, when you're not busy. When I was in Detroit last week, I stayed at the Giltmore Hotel. You probably know that Russell Rumsey is the manager of it. He told me that Marion O'Loughlin has a book and gift shop at the hotel. He also said that Lee Holman is an electrical contractor. His company did all of the electrical work in the new wing of the hotel. I meant to tell you that when we were playing in Los Angeles last week, I met Marion Mulcahy. She is with the telephone company and was given an award recently for having the friendliest voice. I also saw Anthony Cammarata

that weekend after he had broadcast the game. He told me that Mary Der had been in a program about nursing, that she was now a registered nurse. She told Anthony that while in Florida last winter she met John Keohane who is making a fortune in the real estate business there.

Oh - hi, Patricia! (Patricia returns and sits with Bob and Frank)

I heard that you were the number one pitcher for the Red Sox, Bob. Congratulations! What did you think of Brian Corkery's defense of that Yankee player who ran out on his contract? Brian is quite a lawyer. We all thought Steven Barru would be a lawyer, too, but I understand he's a history professor at Harvard. You probably know by now that Joe D'Amore is a test pilot for the new secret plane the Army has invented. It's a dangerous job, but exciting. The last time I saw Joe he told me that Judy Stiles works for a big chemical company as a confidential secretary. Her company supplies many secret materials for government jets. Thomas Pooley was employed by the government for awhile. Remember how well he used to do mechanical drawing? He has become an architect on the West Coast and has designed many houses for top Hollywood stars. Katherine Parece, who is a buyer of drapery materials in a large department store out there, has been very successful in selecting draperies for some of those fabulous houses of the stars. Do you know who was on the plane yesterday? Patricia Fahey and Roberta Mahoney. Both girls were on their way to Chicago -- Patricia to receive an award for the best short story of the year and Roberta to cut a new album.

Frank, haven't you seen any of the old crowd? Has anyone heard from Susan Stiles?

Frank:

Yes, you know she is a nature photographer with the Walt Disney Company. Perhaps you saw her last work in the film "Jungle Animals". I met

David Grillo in Florida last winter. He's taken over his father's automobile business and has designed a new sports car. He told me that he met Mark Connelly on a business trip to New York.

He is such a famous lawyer that he'll probably be appointed as a judge. That reminds me, I walked past Jill Taylor's beauty salon the other day on Fifth Avenue. What a place! My wife says she enjoys buying her hats at Karen Johnson's exclusive hat shop on Newbury Street. Karen told her that she's heard from Christine Morrison who runs a private nursery school in Hawaii. She also said that she occasionally sees James Cram on the street. You know he is in line for the top position at the John Hancock Insurance Company. Linda Toronto works there, too. She's the president's private secretary. Say, have any of you been able to buy one of the tables designed by Charles Dupee? His shop is always jammed with customers. The tables are beautifully made with the finest imported woods.

Well, there's the sign to fasten our seat belts. Guess we must be coming into Detroit.

Frank Foster (Esq)

Mrs Jeanne M. Craven

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Dora Doyella

Charles Dupée

John Richard
Bob Green

Steve Barrow
Gram 61

Russell

Mumsey

James

Jeff Diamond

Vern Pooler

Paul

Stevens

Best of Luck
Mary Luciano

Anthony Camasta
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Best wishes - Frances Moran