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Sorting it out

Tye Doss, Ashlyn Edwards and A.J. Stephens sort ink cartridges and cell phones for the school project.

Taylor School teachers apply tools learned at seminar to student projects

The Taylor Elementary staff participated in Quality Teaching and Learning professional development in June.

During this training, teachers spend six days learning more about research based learning strategies to increase student achievement.

Teachers were introduced to a series of computer software programs such as Kid Pix, Timeliner, Kidspiration, Inspiration and Image Blender. Teachers used digital cameras, digital microscopes and Global Positioning Systems to incorporate in all subject areas.

The entire K-6 school will now take what was learned and apply to a community recycling project. Teachers and administrator Karen McMahan looked at areas of weaknesses in literacy and math to identify how to setup and conduct project "Collect and Recycle." In this project teachers and students will incorporate the strategies and software gleaned from the QTL workshop.

Data analysis and probability were found to be the area of weakness in mathematics curriculum.

The students will collect old ink cartridges and cell phones. This project will teach students about caring

for the community environment while applying real world situations in math and literacy. The kindergarten students will sort and classify the recyclables in the K-2 building. Next, the first grade students will count and tally the different kinds of ink cartridges and cell phones. They will then give the data to the second graders who will graph the results from the first grade.

In literacy, the K-2 students will write, read and learn more about the importance of recycling and its impact on our environment.

In the 3-6 building, all individual classes will count, sort, classify, tally and graph the data by the week and month. In the third grade they will make oral presentations on why or why not to recycle. In 4-6 grade literacy, the fourth graders will prepare a community survey on recycling to be handed out during parent/teacher conferences, fifth graders will prepare oral presentations on how recycling affects our landfill and the sixth graders will prepare a newsletter for the school's success on the recycling project.

In math and science in grades 4-6, students will weigh the recyclables and convert measurements into kilograms. They will extrapolate

from their graphs how much mass will be saved from entering landfills as the project continues. They will project the profits and propose options for spending the money made during the project.

On Oct. 26, the staff from QTL will return to Taylor to watch teachers and students present the projects.





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Measuring it out

Chavis Martin, Chan Palmer and Levi Scott sixth graders at Taylor Elementary School prepare to measure for landscaping.

Taylor School students learn lessons in everyday math

Latrina Briggs sixth grade math class at Taylor School recently received a lesson in everyday math.

The students are calculating the perimeter and area of a space outside the school to be landscaped. Students will be working with the Columbia County Master Gardeners Club and community volunteers as they landscape the Taylor Elementary campus.

The math class took measurements and calculated the amount of topsoil, border stones, mulch and plant spacing to estimate the cost of the project.

Coming Events

FRIDAY- October 7

Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group members will wear hot pink shirts for a "bucket brigade" from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the corner of Jackson and Main and Jackson and North. Donations received will be given to Race for the Cure in the Arkansas and Texarkana Affiliates of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

noon. Tickets are \$10 per person. Mail reservations to Harold G. Alford, 2614 Regency St., Magnolia, AR 71753 or call 870-901-6332. Deadline for reservations is Oct. 1.

SUNDAY- October 9

The descendants of Andrew "Jack" and Emily Dodson will meet for potluck at the Emerson cafetorium.

SATURDAY- October 8

MONDAY- October 10

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