

BENT TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Bill Bird
Director, Parks and Recreation Dept.

Dear Mr. Bird,

On May 10 and 12 four kindergarten classes from Bent Tree Elementary School visited Arch Creek Memorial Park. The days events were very well organized and the instructors were well informed and prepared for 125 five year olds.

Emily Perry, director, guided the children through the museum with a "hands on" presentation about Arch Creek and the new Museum. She then gave the children an opportunity to be "archaeologists" as they worked through a "mountain" of soil with trowels and screens.

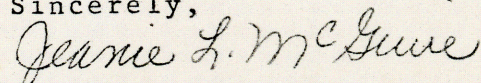
Maria Mino gave them an excellent nature walk through the hammock and taught them the names of the important trees and plants.

Jackie Trickell led the group in the making of coiled clay pots in a manner much like the Tequesta Indians may have used when they inhabited Arch Creek in pre-historic times.

The program is excellent!

As a Kindergarten teacher and President of the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida I highly recommend this field trip for all Dade County children.

Sincerely,



Jeanie L. McGuire

cc:
✓ Lou Stark
Emily Perry
Jackie Trickell
Maria Mino