

## 1980 SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Once again it is time to submit a Sunday School report for 1980. For as long as there are children, there will be a church. Sunday School plays an important role in helping children develop a sense of responsibility and love for their church through God's teachings, through spiritual growth and by having faith and believing in themselves. We are small in number, but like a grain of mustard seed, we will grow into a large bush with many branches and become fruitful.

There are three class levels - Kindergarten, Intermediate and Senior, with a staff of three teachers. When we do not have a substitute, we double up classes. Attendance is relatively stable. Total regular students is 11-15 children.

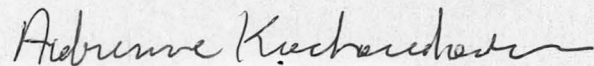
We put on one program this year - a Christmas drama. It was a success. Friends and parents who came enjoyed the play very much. Unfortunately, it is with a reluctant attitude that this or any other program is undertaken because the task of organizing and directing it is big. Sunday School activities have dwindled because it takes a great deal of effort. Preparing our lesson and coming to church every Sunday regardless of whether one or four students are in the class is the main objective of the teachers. The age difference in each class is a problem in that it is more difficult to relate to a younger student the lesson that's intended for a student two or three years older. For example - in Kindergarten there are three students - two are 7 years old, one is 4 years old.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little about the Senior class since I am writing this report and am also the teacher. The content of the material consists of a little of everything and a lot on the Armenian Church - its sacraments feast days, and Saints. Then there are a lot of little things like how to address Hayr Sourp properly, learning Hair Meir, proper church manners like when to come into church, when not to, when to stand, bow, and cross yourself etc. Each week we include Bible passages. The student looks up the passage and read it. This helps familiarize them with the Bible, knowing the Old Testament and New Testament and the Books pertaining to each.

Children should know, understand and be eager to learn about their church, about God's word, and I find at times there is a sense of apathy. Parental encouragement would help a great deal. Emphasize the importance of Sunday School and encourage them to learn about their church and come with open hearts and minds. This will be their church in the future.

I wish to thank the teachers, friends and above all parents who have supported and encouraged us.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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