

THE BASEMENT

The basement is an important part of our school. Downstairs, there are the furnace room, a playroom, a store room, the work shop, and our lunch rooms.

Playroom and Storeroom:

The playroom is located in the left wing of the building. It has a cement floor and benches around the walls. We use it for physical education on rainy days or on days which are too cold to go out doors. The storeroom is opposite the playroom and is used to keep the extra school supplies.

Workshop:

The workshop is in the front section of the basement. It used to be a storage room but was made into a workshop two years ago. There are several work benches in the room. There is a place for tools and paints. Some of the tools are planes, hammers, chisels, saws, drills, and an electric saw.

Mr. Kehs' class uses the workshop more than any other group. Each afternoon, they have woodwork classes. They have made many nice and useful things, such as end tables, nicknack shelves, and book-ends.

Lunch room:

There are two lunch rooms in the right wing of the basement. The little children eat in one room, the older pupils in another. There are eight tables in the lunch room with a bench on each side. The tables have red and white oil cloth table cloths. Benches are around two sides of each room. When the tables are too crowded some of the children have to eat on these benches.

We have to bring our own lunches but we can buy milk at school for five cents. A different teacher is in charge of the lunch room each week. In nice weather, only a few pupils who live far away from school stay for lunch but when it is cold we sometimes have as many as two hundred stay for lunch.

The lunch room is also used for Girl Scout and Brownie meetings four afternoons a week after school.