

Weekender

Children's Page

Summer vacation

Kelly takes a tumble

I was riding a horse named Golden boy. I was nervous because I had never ridden a horse without a lunge line, (a sort of leash) that is tied to the horse.

My counsellor was teaching me how to trot. Uh, oh. I lost my stirrup and I'm falling off the saddle. The next thing I know, I'm sitting on the ground with my counsellor comforting me.

She told me I was bleeding and I got scared. She took me to the house and the owner sat me down and put an ice pack on my head. She told me what had probably happened.

I had a pony tail in my hair and a helmet on top. When I fell the helmet pushed the bobble into my head and popped a blood vessel, that's why it was bleeding so much. Luckily it was the end of the day.

Kelly Lee
Grade 6

Taking to the waves

Myrtle Beach! Listen to the seagulls. What a beautiful place!

My first impression on Myrtle Beach — but dreams and reality are two different things. For one thing, price is the difference. It cost us nearly \$20 for one night in a campground where almost everything you say or do cost more than 25 cents.

But then came morning. Anxious to get our money's worth, my sister and I hopped in our swimsuits and ran over to the beach. And did we ever!

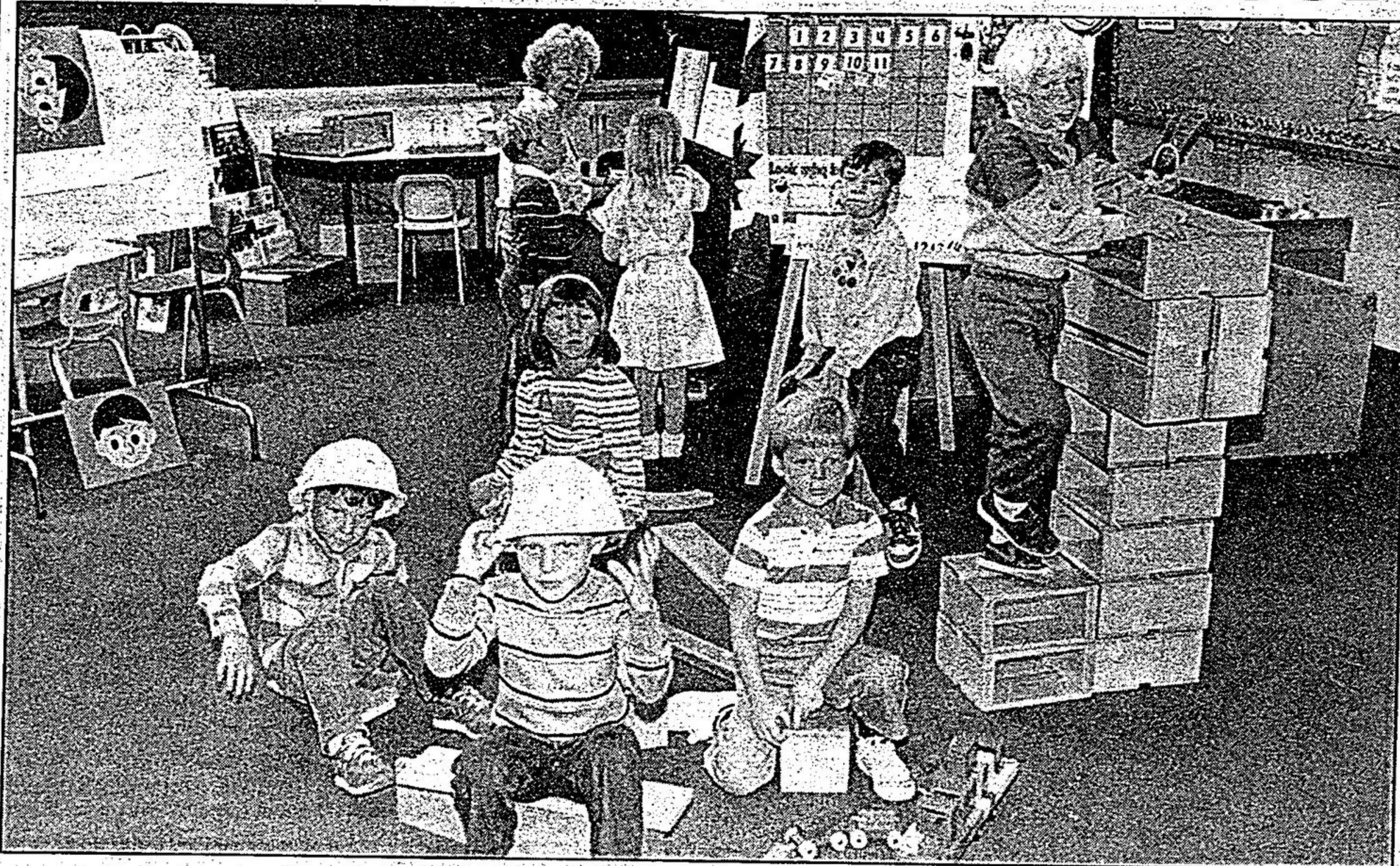
Before I knew it I had caught my first body surfing wave. This is awesome, I thought to myself.

About three waves later I caught a humungous wave. I suppose my dad was watching because he got so tempted that he was in the water himself!

And before I knew it my dad had caught the biggest wave I'd ever seen. Myrtle Beach, what a wild place!

Scott McDougall
Grade 6

Unionville Public School



First day on the job

These future engineers at Unionville Public School take a break on their first day of kindergarten, Thursday. From left they are Trevor Gillman, Jamie Mennes, Kristin Hewitt, Eric Berard, Ryan Davey

and John Karl Janson. In the background teacher Carol Wells plays the piano for Benny Cook and Allison Jeens.

— Bill Lanning

Waterskiing — hit of the summer

Vrrrwhoom, vrrrwhoomm, vrrrwhoom, the motor on the boat started.

My skis were shining in the sun. The sound of the waves splashing against the dock made my stomach sink. I was losing slack rapidly.

"No slack!"

I was off; for the first time my face was plunging through the water, my skis already behind me, but with a little luck I was able to get up.

Just the feel of the breeze in my face was rewarding enough. I didn't go far but for a first time it was a great experience!

Dylan Fedy
Grade 6

My goal for this summer was to get up on waterskis. So sure enough, I got enough courage to try to ski!

I was in the water all set to go, when all of a sudden I was pulled up by our boat! I felt so nervous my legs were trembling with fear! This was an unbelievable feeling.

I had actually stayed up without falling or letting go of the rope. I was so happy that I tapped head, the signal to go home. When I came to my beach I went over the wake.

That was so scary I thought I was going to fall! But I didn't. I was so proud I let go of the rope and made a good landing. When I landed and took off my skis, I

wished that I had stayed up longer. But then I realized that I'd try again tomorrow. And so I did.

Tanya Ternowsky
Grade 6

"Mmm...this is good," I said as I bit into a juicy cheese dog.

"Are you ready to try and waterski?" my uncle called.

"Yeah, I guess so. I'll be out in a minute," I yelled back.

I got my aunt to help me put on the skis.

"There, you're all set," she said.

"Okay, go!" I yelled.

I heard the roar of the engine and the next thing I knew I was up on the skis.

"I'm up," I yelled, "this is fun."

SPLASH!

The next thing I knew I was bobbing up and down in the water. "Wanna go again?" my uncle yelled.

"No thanks. I wanna go into shore," I yelled back.

"Okay. Let's see if you can waterski into shore," he called.

So I held on for dear life and again I got up...but not for long.

SPLASH!

"I'm okay," I called.

"You wanna try again?" he asked.

"Noooo way," I called back, "I'll swim, thanks."

So my advice to anyone who is going to try and waterski is never to waterski with a crazy driver.

Angela Forth
Grade 6



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