

## Terry Mill School Plans Honors Day

An Honors Day Program for the winter quarter at Terry Mill Elementary School has been scheduled for Friday, March 10.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be recognized for their accomplishments from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., followed by students from fourth through seventh grades.

Dr. Shirley Reams, principal, will present helmets to each honor student, compliments of the Atlanta Braves, and each honor student will wear a Terry Mill T-shirt.

The Ft. McPherson Color Guard will perform at both sessions. The Atlanta Braves Furskin Bear will be at the early session and Homer, from the Braves, will visit the later session.

Larry Kirbow of Chic-Fil-A and Dr. Lonnie Edwards, assistant director of DeKalb school personnel, will be guests at the ceremonies.

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## **Black History A Year-long Study At Terry Mill**

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Terry Mill Elementary School is having a year-long program focusing on distinguished black people.

One of the main objectives, according to Dr. Shirley Reams, principal, is to increase cultural awareness, self-esteem, and pride among students.

Each week a different person is featured in the school bulletin. Short, informative articles about the subject are read to the entire school by Dr. Reams on the intercom.

At breakfast and lunch, students read about the person of the week on a flashing sign.

Teachers are encouraged to follow up with additional activities.

School officials are compiling a book about outstanding black persons which they plan to have printed and placed in every classroom. A collage of outstanding black persons is also being prepared. A large committee of teachers is working on this project which is expected to be completed by January, 1990.



### **Luther Clay Day Celebrated**

Terry Mill School custodian Luther Clay knows all about little hands and their reach so he prepares to hang a permanent gold name plate honoring him honoring him high over the hall doorway, out of reach of youngsters' fingerprints. Dr. Shirley Reams, principal, helps with the project. The school celebrated Luther Clay Day in appreciation of the 14 years he has worked there and made special contributions. Faculty, staff and students honored Mr. Clay by naming the main hall for him. A luncheon was held with family members, former principals and county office officials as guests. During his 14 years at the school he has received numerous commendations and is noted for his dedication.

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# Dr. Johnson Addressing Graduates *6/10/92*

Dr. Melvin Johnson, deputy superintendent of the DeKalb School System, will address the graduating class of Terry Mill Elementary School Thursday, June 11, at 5 p.m.

It has been a tradition at Terry Mill to expose students to a myriad of successful role models. Commissioner Martin King III; Brenda Wood; Public Safety Director Thomas Brown; Police Chief Eldrin Bell; a top auto dealer, Gregory Baranco; an owner of eight McDonalds, Leon Goodrum; Atlanta's "number one" D.J., Mike Roberts; and school board member Phil McGregor, are a sprinkling of the number of guests who have appeared at the school.



**Johnson**

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### Elementary pupils team up to tackle tough math problems

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Demetris Bullard looked like a teacher.

Seated with three of her classmates at Terry Mill Elementary School, Demetris patiently led the team through the rigors of long division.

When the problem was solved, Demetris eyed her classmates, checking for consensus. "Does everyone agree with that answer?" she asked.

The chorus of affirmations indicated that all agreed: 1953 divided by 31 does indeed equal 63.

Demetris Bullard isn't a teacher. She is a sixth-grade pupil at Terry Mill Elementary

School participating in CLASS, a special Saturday morning program aimed at improving math achievement. Begun in December, CLASS — Cooperative Learning, A Saturday Session — employs team learning techniques to pupils performing just below average in math.

The program is the brainchild of Principal Shirley Reams, who wanted a project aimed at boosting math skills for pupils in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades who fall just below the national medians on standardized tests. Dr. Reams, in her second year at the helm of Terry Mill, suggested to staff members that a project using cooperative learning might be a sound approach.

"We targeted those students because [they] are to leave us soon and go to junior high schools," said Dr. Reams. "If we don't take the time now, I'm afraid they might get lost in the shuffle by the time they get to high school."

Teachers and pupils at Terry Mill have been attending the two hour sessions twice a month. The program will continue through March 28, when the pupils take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

Cooperative learning is based on the premise that both high- and low-achieving pupils can benefit from working in heterogeneous groups. Advanced pupils

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