



experiment with finger painting and to listen to music and to learn the familiar songs of childhood. The classes were limited to small numbers of pupils so that teachers could recognize the strengths and needs of their children.

Additional experiences were provided when children were taken on extensive field trips. They visited the Science Museum, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the South Park Conservatory and the new children's Zoo. Historic Fort Niagara was viewed by the children, as well as the recently completed Aquarium in Niagara Falls. The children were delighted with the Arcade-Attica train ride and the boat trip around Buffalo Harbor. Local industries and markets were toured, including the Boulevard Mall. They were taken to the Buffalo International Airport and also toured the entire city. Neighboring farmers opened their gates to show them a sample of life in the country. To many, these field trips offered the first opportunity in their young lives to see anything beyond their own home neighborhoods.

Various community agencies were closely associated with the Early Push Program. Social workers visited parents of pupils enrolled in this project in order to establish a cooperative relationship between the home and school. They also made needed contacts with suitable community services. The Buffalo Parks Department furnished recreational facilities and the Erie County Health Department scheduled medical and dental examinations