

I attended Southwestern 7th Grade Center from 1981 to 1982. I recently saw Mr. Tutt and he told me about this wonderful project. I have many great memories of Southwestern.

I remember discussing current events and learning about the world with Mr. Tutt. There was science class with Mrs. Jenkins where we did our lab experiments and talked about the Space Shuttle which had its first flight in 1981. I remember sharpening my math skills with Mr. Gleason, and learning the finer points of grammar and doing book reports in Mrs. Early's class.

Of course there were the wheel classes. I made a race car in shop with Mr. Powell, planted vegetables and learned about agriculture with Mr. Craft, sewed a pillow in the shape of the first letter of my name in Mrs. Bouie's class, and learned all about the business world with Mrs. Carter. And I remember some of the fun and crazy games we did in the gym with Coach Dominguez. I think I even remember doing archery.

And then there was Mr. Dandridge's class, in which he exposed his students to a variety of musical styles. Some days Mr. Dandridge would play popular hits from the 60s and 70s, and then other days he would let us play current popular songs. He also introduced us to famous musicals like Camelot and Oklahoma. In addition he was always encouraging us to sing solos.

Going to Southwestern was a unique experience. I think having a year where there was just one grade was a great transition from elementary school to junior high. I will always remember my year attending Southwestern 7th Grade Center.

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