

Kindergarten Students Explore their Community

On a warm and sunny spring Wednesday morning, the KDS kindergarten students, accompanied by parents and teachers, took the annual Community Walk to some of the local businesses to see, learn about, and experience their local community. They visited the pharmacy, where they learned about medicine and medicine safety; one of the local banks, where they were greeted by the Easter bunny; the library, where the librarian read a story about manners and each student received a free book; the storm shelter, where they learned about weather safety; the Grant Post Office; and the recycling center.



Kindergarten teacher Deedee Eller's students were very interested in the storm shelter as the Community Walk was only a few days after the April 8th tornado near Guntersville damaged Mrs. Eller's home. The children were told that the storm made "a tree go into their teacher's house, so she had to stay home a few days until the workmen could get it out". Mrs. Eller said that while touring the shelter they discussed storm safety and the importance of proper behavior in the storm shelter as every sound inside is very loud. To show the children just how loud it can be there, everyone covered their ears and each student was allowed to yell one time to help them understand the importance of quiet voices and behavior while they and others are in the shelter.

Teacher Laci Barnes said her students' favorite stop was the pharmacy, where many had "questions" (meaning they told personal stories about medicine or the pharmacy itself).

