



Deputy Visits NM Head Start Students Feb. 12

On Feb. 12 the New Martinsville Head Start class had two special visitors: Deputy Roger Spragg and his K-9 partner, Titus, of the Wetzel County Sheriff's Department. During the week, the focus of teacher Kim Fruner's class of three-, four-, and five-year olds was "Community Helpers." The children learned about all the people who help their community function and the role emergency personnel play in their safety and care.

A member of the staff working with the Head Start class contacted Deputy Spragg, who made it a priority to come visit with these children. He brought along Titus, a well-trained two-year-old Dutch Shepherd who happily took time out of his busy work day to put on a demonstration for the kids. The students had an opportunity to check out the deputy's police cruiser, ask questions about his daily duties (including what it's like to work with Titus), and finally see the canine in action as Deputy Spragg gave verbal and non-verbal commands. If the children's excitement is any indication, it is sure to be a day they will not soon forget.

Parents/Guardians interested in enrolling their children in Head Start can call 304-455-5492.

Pictured are Spragg, Titus, and the students of New Martinsville Head Start, along with teacher Kim Fruner.