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Model Cities Project Experiment Enters Final Week

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DAYTON, Ohio, August 25, 1971 --- Four weeks in a classroom with a computer as a teacher was the unique experience of fifteen Dayton grade school children this summer.

The experiment, now in its final week, was a Model Cities project in teaching grade school arithmetic through computer assisted instruction.

The project was developed by Robert Moore, at the University of Dayton, and was coordinated by Mrs. Mildred Patterson, Model Cities educational supervisor.

The computer used in the experiment is on the campus of the University of Dayton and was tied into the Model Cities classroom at 1612 West Fifth Street by teletype.

"Pupils were fascinated by being able to talk with the machine through the teletype keyboard," Moore reports. "One student was so enthusiastic that he brought his mother to class to watch the lesson."

Computer time during the month-long project was donated by the University of Dayton, the teletype terminal was loaned to Model Cities by the Anderson-Jacobson company of Cincinnati. Permission to use the special arithmetic program without charge was granted by Random House-Singer, holders of the copyright.

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