

Seneca penny record is broken by K-2 class

After another year of collecting and counting pennies for math activities, Seneca School's K-2 students filled 1 1/2 animal-cracker bear containers and lugged it all to U.S. Bank to count and trade for dollar bills to spend on their annual penny trip.

The students broke the record this year with 14,100 pennies! Their trip took them to Sumpter where they were taken into the past as they toured the dredge and panned for gold, garnets, and rubies.

With dollar bills in their pockets, students chose souvenirs from the dredge gift shop.

After a picnic lunch, some students went off in search of ice cream, while others browsed the flea market vendors' tables to find a valuable treasure.

All met back at the train



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Students panned for gold in Seneca.

loading platform, where their Seneca History Project came to life for them in the person of conductor Dan Denham, a former Seneca School student who now volunteers for the Sumpter Valley Railway.

Students witnessed a blast from the past as Dodie Barott and Denham recognized each



Kindergarten through second-grade students rode the Sumpter Valley Railway.

other and excitedly reminisced about those good old days. After a leisurely train ride and a tour of the engine, students

said goodbye and drove off in the rain, finishing their trip with ice cream treats at Dairy Queen.