

Kids Korner

Gerhart Home Buzzes With Activity

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MOUNTVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — The Gerhart home in Mountville buzzes with activity. It's the center for honey bee promotion and home for Brock, 6, and Drew, 3.

The energetic brothers are the sons of Dave and Becky Fisher Gerhart.

"Pap Fisher and Uncle Dyson have bees," Brock said.

Pap is Brock's grandfather. The boys like to watch their grandfather extract honey from the bee hive. But more than that, the boys like to eat honey. They like honey drizzled on ice cream and cereal. But their favorite way to eat ice cream is to stir it into a cup of warm milk.

Maybe it's honey that gives the boys lots of energy.

"I like to run," Brock said. "Every night I race with Drew all through the house."

The Gerharts live in 10 rooms of the 17-room house. They have fish, a dog Ginger and a cat Smidgen.

Brock is in kindergarten at Mountville Elementary School.

Since November, Brock has been taking karate lessons.

"It's awesome. It's for self defense," he said as he demonstrated the different poses.

Although Drew is only three years old, he's good at imitating his older brother.

They like to play games like Guess Who, Connect Two, and Nintendo on the computer with their dad. Both boys enjoy playing with Super Heroes Spider Men.

The brothers also like to read. Their favorite book is one about dinosaurs, which is required reading by their baby sitter, Jona Hoover.

Jona is not only their baby sitter but the Pennsylvania Honey Queen. She spends a lot of time with the Gerharts because the boys' mother is the coordinator for the Honey Bee Queen Program. Their mother was a former queen for the program, and continues to promote honey and bees for the industry. She believes everyone should use honey and her sons are learning to share her enthusiasm.

Brock is eager to take an observation hive to school. During Show and Tell, he plans to tell his classmates all about bees.



As baby sitter for Brock and Drew, Jona Hoover received an introduction to honey bee keeping and the uses of honey. Jona is now the Pennsylvania Honey Queen, but she still finds time to read the boys' favorite book about dinosaurs.



Brock plays with his Super Hero Spider Men.



Smidgen the cat finds his favorite spot to sun while Brock talks with him.

KEEP WARM UNSCRAMBLING THESE WINTERY IDEAS!
 THINGS YOU CAN MAKE IN THE SNOW:

- _____ NOSNMWA
- _____ AWSGNNNOEL
- _____ FWORNSOT
- _____ BOSWLNAL

THINGS TO KEEP YOU WARM:

- _____ TIMSETN
- _____ OSTBO
- _____ THA

THINGS YOU GET OUTSIDE:

- _____ DOLC
- _____ EWT
- _____ RSYO EKHSEC
- _____ TOFRSTEBI

Puzzles By
 Gail Strock

(Answers)

- hot chocolate
- hat
- boots
- mitten
- snowball
- snowfort
- snowangel
- snowman
- frostbite
- rosy cheeks
- wet
- cold
- OTH OOCCTHAEL



Three-year-old Drew takes a karate stance, something he learns from his brother Brock who takes classes in karate.