The Center for Early Childhood Education held an Activity Day on Thursday, October 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the families of preschool children. The room was arranged with Centers of materials for the children to choose from and create their own art objects. The paint center seemed to be the most popular as children did marble painting, painting pictures, paper plates and occasionally themselves. There was also a felt center where one little girl created three dolls (with the help of her mother) and named them for herself and two best friends from pre-school. There were eleven centers in all, and a few children actually did all eleven centers. The children and the adults really had a great time and asked that we do it again. A few of the younger children spent some of their time with the stuffed animals and rocking chairs in imaginary play. Approximately 40 people were involved, ranging in age from a few months old baby to two grandmothers. The consensus of the staff, including IU Kokomo students, Steven and Kema, as well as the parents, was to have these activity days often.

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On October 24th, Paul Dorisse and Brittany Ravas facilitated a meeting with the Exploring Teaching Post. Paul presented a lesson adapted from Dr. Sorgman’s Social Studies Methods course. He utilized primary sources to initiate a discussion about slavery. Explorers shared ideas and thoughts regarding slavery, reflected upon their public school instruction of the topic, and projected future implementation of this teaching strategy.