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# Division of Education Newsletter Indiana University Kokomo

## CECE Parent and Child Activity Day



The Center for Early Childhood Education held an Activity Day on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the families of pre-school 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.

~M. Skinner

## Exploring Social Studies



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.

Week of  
Monday, October 29 –  
Friday, November 2

Fall Semester  
2007

## Learning Community – Ideal Classroom



Pictured Left to Right: Tracie Bolinger, Kacie Casas, Ashley DeWitt, Heather Finkbiner, and Jason Pickett.

On Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Freshman Learning Community students organized their ideal classroom arrangements, including seating arrangements, placements of furniture, computers, telephones, and other equipment. After that activity, students were asked questions regarding how the classroom would support effective instruction, and what instructional strategies would support the classroom arrangement. The FLC instructors, Masato Ogawa and Cindy Ison, chose the best classroom arrangement plans and awarded prizes to the winners. First prize went to Ashley DeWitt. Other winners were Tracie Bolinger, Kaci Casas, Heather Finkbiner, Jason Pickett, and Maggie Townsend (not pictured).



KUDOS

On Friday, October 19th, and Saturday, October 20th, Margo Sorgman attended the 2007 Associate Faculty & Lecturers' Conference: The Millennial Student: New Strategies for New Students at IUPUI. Margo presented a session entitled: *Navigating the Waters of a Hybrid Course*, which arises from a course and publication with Dr. Kathy Parkison.

## Highlights

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## Division Calendar

### This Week's Events

Monday, 10/29/07

EdSAC Meeting  
KC 130 AC  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, 11/03/07

Arts & Crafts Show  
Kelley Student Center  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

Monday, 11/12/07

Division of Education  
Meeting  
Bogle Room  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.