



THE BABY FOLD



HAMMITT SCHOOL NEWS

HOME OF THE JAGUARS

DECEMBER 2011

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(309) 451-7227

Important November Dates

December 21st

Christmas Break...NO SCHOOL

School Resumes: January 4, 2012



Christmas Parties in the Rooms
December 20, 2011

Christmas Program
In the Gym
December 16th /Friday
Time: 12:30
All Welcome to Attend
More details inside



News from the Classroom

PW 125: Sarah(Ambrose)Phyllis - Our class had a wonderful time performing for everyone at the Thanksgiving Feast! In December, our class is going to learn about Christmas traditions that our families and friends celebrate. We are all happy that Angel is now part of our classroom! Keep an eye open for art projects coming home that we will be creating for Christmas decorations! All of our students continue to do well on improving their self control skills and earning their status! Keep up the good work PW125! We are proud of you!

PW129: Suzy,Pat, PW129 is so excited for the holidays. Santa is coming! We are really focusing on the difference between letter sounds, syllables and whole words.



Some kids are beginning to work on identifying big numbers while others will tackle addition. Look for lots of holiday work and maybe a few surprises. We will practice for the Holiday Program and look forward to everyone coming to watch. Happy Holidays to all!

PW133: Toni, Mary, Curtis, Classroom PW133 finished up our space unit by going to the Planetarium at Illinois State University. We are now learning about the Christmas traditions all around the world. Students will be decorating cookies and making crafts. Christmas is about giving and sharing and we will be making Christmas cards to give to the elders at the McLean County Nursing Home and working on sharing our toys with one another. Our new staff member in the room, Curt, has brought a new skill to the room. The students listen to him play the guitar while they make up songs. Happy Holidays to all and we hope you have a safe holiday break.

MW139: Anna Pecka, Catie, Cheryl. MW 139 is preparing for the holiday season. We had a fantastic time with our guests at the Thanksgiving Feast and are looking forward to our holiday program. In December we are going to be studying how people



around the world celebrate winter holidays. Students are continuing to work on their reading skills and are earning their monthly Pizza awards.

Weather Related Cancellations

For announcements regarding school cancellations listen to:

WJBC/1230AM,
WBWN/105.1 FM
Or B104FM



Handy Phone Numbers/ Transportation

Unit 5 Bus Garage 452-0428

District 87 Bus Garage 828-4373



Call the above numbers (or your own district bus garage) for questions concerning late buses or to inform your district that your student will not be riding..

Love and Logic for Parents

Saturday December 10, 2011 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Love and Logic is a discipline model for raising responsible and respectful children while increasing the joy in your house. You will learn techniques to: eliminate power struggles with your children, follow through on consequences in a way that gives children a chance to learn from their own mistakes instead of focusing on the parent's anger, teach your children the life long skill of problem solving, and method for turning parent's words into gold! In a society filled with new challenges every day, Love and Logic is a way to increase every family member's belief in their abilities and a chance to bring more fun into our homes..

Cost: \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. You may pay at the door. No credit or debit cards. Scholarships are available for families in need. Request a scholarship when you call.

Reservation: Call Julie @ 309-451-7218 for your reservation.

Training Site: The Baby Fold Training Center, 612 Oglesby Ave. Normal

Presented by Kris Baber and Kathy Case:

Kris Baber has worked at Hammitt School for the past 14 years. Before this she worked in public school system for several years and at another high school for children with severe behavior problems, She is a Love and Logic trainer and works directly with our families to teach them how to parent the Love and Logic way. Kris gets to practice Love and Logic at home with a 20, 16, and 6 year old. She has lots of stories about Love and Logic with children of all ages.

Kathy Case has worked for over 33 years (the past 18 at Hammitt) with children with severe behavior problems She has had the opportunity to train many people on the Love and Logic curriculum.. It is one discipline method that staff and parents consistently believe they can actually begin utilizing the same day.



Nurse Notes



Changes to Immunization Requirements from the State of Illinois

Reoccurring outbreaks of contagious diseases have led Illinois law makers to reevaluate the current immunization schedule. So far this year in Illinois, 67 people have been diagnosed with Pertussis (whooping cough). This number has been on the rise for several years and the key statistic which influenced the vaccine requirement changes this year.

Starting next fall (2012-2013 school year) **all 6th graders must receive the Tdap (Tetanus, Diptheria and Pertussis) vaccine.** This booster used to be given to all 9th graders, but the “p” (Pertussis) was not required. Some 9th graders received a DT booster.

In addition, all 7th—12th graders who have not had a booster which contains the “p” (Pertussis), MUST receive an additional booster of Tdap.

Please contact the school nurse with any questions. **Staci Floyd (309) 451-7274.**

THE PALETTE ART

By Janet Puntoni

Art Teacher

It's hard to believe that Christmas is quickly approaching, but time does have a way of marching on. During the month of December, I will be teaching my great art students about the difference between functional and non-functional art. After Thanksgiving we will start working on making our functional art projects. I would love to write about what we are making but some students have decided to give theirs to a special someone for Christmas. We will also be doing an art project using soft pastels on brown paper bags...fun but messy!

Please watch for notes from your child's teacher with reminders for them not to wear dressy clothes on messy art days. Take the time look at our art gallery online at Artsonia.com...

Remember you are your child's biggest fan!



Hammitt Christmas Program

To be held December 16th (Friday) @ 12:30 in the Hammitt School Gym.



The students and staff invite you to attend the Christmas Program for this season.

The theme this year is: Letters to Santa

And you can well imagine some of the interesting letters we plan to post around the gym for your enlightenment. Come enjoy some time with us as we share our songs and talents.



More News from the Classrooms

Ch1:113: Carrie, Kristin, Andrea: We had had a great time playing with our new train set over the past few weeks! The new train set has given us opportunity for turn taking and communication as students are requesting to play with different pieces. We dread the colder months as outside days are limited, but we are looking forward to finding new creative ways to use our skateroom this winter. On December 15, we will say goodbye to Mr. Kyle and have a few weeks without a field based student before a new friend comes in January.



MW137Anna M., Bambi,Albert: MW137 has just finished our month long unit on Native American cultures. We learned more about geography as we explored the different homes, clothing and food of several tribes throughout North America. We made fried bread and hominy stew, performed a rain dance, and made jewelry out of Indian corn. We learned many new things and had fun at the same time. We are now brainstorming ideas as a classroom for the upcoming winter program! Whatever we decide, one thing is for sure: it's going to be amazing!

UW214: Morgan, Sheila, Ryan: In UW214 we will continue focusing on our reading/language arts curriculum with the theme of teamwork and cooperation. We will also read a mystery book called, "Mudshark" by Gary Paulsen which will bring up the discussion of problem-solving skills. In math, we will be learning about the division as a whole group. We will be forking on a project in unit and computer lab about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. We will also be honing our social skills and working on our Christmas program!

PE: Mark & Chad: We are finishing our Football unit and starting to head into Kickball.

