

# Center McMechen Head Start Pre-K Visits West Liberty University - Education Students Design Literacy Learning Centers as part of Class Assignment

The Center McMechen Head Start Pre-K, located at the Center McMechen Elementary School, made a special visit to the West Liberty University (WLU) Campus in late November 2011. To complete a final grading assignment, the WLU Literacy Class (Education Department) students, collectively, were required to set up a developmentally appropriate center for parents and preschoolers to explore early literacy. The college students selected the theme "Read With Me Under The Sea". The genres selected were: poetry, diversity, picture books, fantasy, and folk narratives. A unique literacy area was also set up for parents. Read more about this exciting adventure from the children's point of view:



Waiting patiently for our learning centers to begin!

Singing "Put your left fin in, Put your left fin out..."



..Putting my left fin in it!



We discovered what part of the world various fish live in. Then we made our own!





We rode in a Pirate ship then put a message in a bottle for someone special.

At the fantasy center, the Princesses showed us how to play "Pin the Fin on the Mermaid".



We loved the Pirate ship, especially the eye patch!

This story shows how diversity is all around us!



From collaborative prek teachers to collaborating higher education!

Miss Jamie and Miss Krenna

We listened very attentively to Bella's story.



We loved the Pirate ship, it was called the Liberty.



At every station, WLO student's had brochures, full of useful information that encouraged parents to read at home.



Miss Jamie listened as a WLO student told her about their center.





We got a back pack to put all our fun activities in, plus we all got the book, "Pour-Pour Fish in the Big-Big Dark". Miss Jamie read it to us on the bus ride home.

Center McMechen's PreK-2 had SO MUCH FUN that the next day we drew a picture of all the fun things we experienced! Thanks WLO!!

To learn more about this activity, contact the Center McMechen Head Start Pre-K Teacher, Jamie Eneix, 304.230. 1182.

