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Wichita Public Schools Dates to Remember
Dec. 8 – Cooperating Teacher/Intern Meeting at WSU Metroplex 5:00 – 6:45
Dec. 22 Non – teaching Duty Day/end of semester
Dec. 22 – Jan 2 – Winter Recess
Jan. 3 – District In-Service Day
Jan 4 – Students return
Jan 16 – MLK holiday observance

Wichita State University Dates to Remember
Dec. 2 – Last day of attendance for interns with 15 week placements
Dec. 8 – Cooperating Teacher/Intern Meeting at Metroplex 5:00 – 6:45
Dec. 9 – Last day of attendance for interns with 16 week placements
Dec. 9 – Final student evaluation due for all placements (cooperating teachers)
Dec. 11- WSU Commencement at Koch Arena 1:30 PM

From our 101 “ANSWERS” FOR NEW TEACHERS AND THEIR MENTORS, our effective teaching tip for daily classroom use for this month is:

Plan Effective Lessons: “I remember hearing Harry Wong hit the nail on the head when he said, “If you’re failing to plan, you’re planning to fail.” We saw a drastic change in our teaching when we trained all of our teachers in the basic parts of an effective lesson – task focus, lesson presentation, guided practice, independent practice, and review. Elmo Broussard, Superintendent

Technology Information Worth Noting
Program Results showed 99% of year 2 Wichita TQP teacher interns were able to demonstrate effective skills and ability to effectively integrate technology into curricula and instruction.

New Opportunity
You can now earn additional Professional Development Points for the time you work with Student Interns as a Cooperating Teacher. Simply, log your hours on My Learning Plan each week.

The log can be found at the left hand column of the My Learning Plan homepage. Below Fill-In Forms, click on Cooperating Teacher Log Form.

There you will be able to log hours and gain PD points for time in which you met mentoring or planning with a student inter/teacher.

Save the date!
WSU Cooperating Teachers who will host an Intern/Student Teacher for the Spring 2012 Semester, plan to attend an important meeting at the WSU Metroplex from 5:00-6:30 on Thursday, December 8, 2011.

The meeting will include a welcome from Wichita State University’s president, Dr. Beggs. It will also offer time to meet with your WSU Intern, better understand the requirements of the program and gather helpful hints to be successful.

Words From an Intern
“I appreciate my CT for setting aside time during his planning time every Friday to conference with me about how things were going. Seeing my students make educational gains was the most rewarding part of the semester.” – Kristy Williams, WSU Intern

Have a Happy Holiday!

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