

WinkWorld April-May 2008

Prairie Pedagogy

Welcome to the World

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I cannot help but comment that these two families are friends, and these two babies will one day know each other, which prompts us to think: *Paid 'n Cash*.

Notes from the Real World

May 9th, I jump into my 'Lil Red Chili (Saturn Vue) and begin the drive back to CA to finalize my online class. Oh, how I still love teaching, and the teachers who are the graduate students in my class!

Prairie Pedagogy

As you may have read in other parts of WW, I have just returned from a TESOL (Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages) conference in NYC. And, while I normally do not talk about my professional work in *Prairie Pedagogy*, in this case I make an exception, as I'm sure that mine was the only presentation in NY, which was prepared in 5 to 10 minute segments, while running back and forth to see a new calf or a new colt. A friend wrote and told me that my presentation would be more *GROUNDED* because of my rich, authentic life. I assure you that I could ~ground~ anything in just the dirt which comes in the door every day...

As many long-time readers of WinkWorld know, we, on the prairies, have been the epicenter for the drought for the last 8 years. Our dams and our neighbors' dams have been totally dry. Without water and prairie grasses growing, ranchers have to go out of business. It has been very serious and sad.

Great News!

May 1: We had 3 honest inches of rain, and during that night the temp dropped to 32 degrees, and the rain turned to sleet.

May 2: We had great snow.

May 3: The temperature suddenly rose and the snow melted, and the creeks and draws began to run putting water in many of the dams.

Spillway south of Prairie Parlor

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The new dam south of the ranch house

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Joan, north of the house

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Northwest pasture dam

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Calf in porch: I'm trying to get him to take milk from my finger.

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Joan in the snow

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Update on Wink's Truck Washout, the Royal Flush

<http://royalflush.goldenwestsecurity.com/>

Username: royalflush

Password: Please email Dean at dwink@gwtc.net and he'll send it to you.

For those who are ~really~ retired, you can watch the trucks and Wink come and go. We assume that when the grandkids get here, we will have some fabulous water fights in the hot weather.

We love our mamas and babies.

Dolly and baby

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Blue Moon and baby

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Mama and baby (early April)

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Baby calf near hay.

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Family Pix

Austin and Garrett

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