

WinkWorld August 2002

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind responses to our first electronic newsletter. We are sorry that we do not have time to respond to each comment individually. However, please know that your generous thoughts touched our hearts.

I'll begin with a few comments regarding our first issue, July 1, 2002. You may recall that we shared a transcription of an audio tape of Paulo Freire, a bit of Prairie Pedagogy, a water color by Dayna Watlin, and an announcement of Dawn's class, Joyful Mom, to be held in Santa Fe. Several of you commented on the tragic death of Janel, the 12 year old daughter of a neighboring rancher. I will share your thoughts with her family.

We also asked you to help us name this electronic newsletter. Thank you for your many suggestions; I had no idea that there could possibly be that many clever words, all beginning with W's. We have chosen WinkWorld. Thank you Jennifer Wolfe and Marge Knox. We will mail you the winning WinkWorld aWard prize.

We had requests from several of you to be guest editors - what a great idea. We prefer to do the first several ourselves, but then we will certainly be open to this idea. Please just connect with us privately, and we can make arrangements (jwink@csustan.edu).

In this issue of WinkWorld, you will find:

- Three proposals for CABE
- One proposal for CRA
- One proposal for Tucson TAWL
- Several blackline masters for teachers to download and use. Nothing new here, but I know we often cannot find them when we want them. Here are some extra for you.
- Dawn shares her personal reflections on Jim Trelease's *The Read-Aloud Handbook* and Mem Fox's *Reading Magic*. Dawn had a very interesting perspective on specific new sections in Trelease's fifth edition. She will critically reflect more this month, and we will share this more critical perspective next month.
- Mary Borba has generously shared with us key quotations from Mem Fox's new book, *Reading Magic*. After we read Mary's wonderful highlights, we immediately bought the book and have since finished it; see Dawn's reflections. I also encourage you to enjoy Mem's webpages: www.memfox.net Mary Borba is a passionate and very effective literacy educator in CA. She is a strong leader for many who are involved with Reading Recovery. I admire the way she consistently shares her ideas in a spirit of collaboration. If you would like to contact Mary, the email is: thelearningtree@yahoo.com
- Dee Hawksworth-Lutzow has shared her reflections of Mem Fox's *Radical Reflections*.
- Joan ends with a glimpse into her world.