

Northeast Iowa Cadre Report 2003-2004

Fall orientation day (August 2003)

As they have done for the last few orientation meetings for the fall student teachers, members of the cadre attended part of the day. They served on a panel to discuss the student teaching experience from the cooperating teachers angle. They also provided a potluck lunch to the fall student teachers.

Book Gifts (Fall and spring semester 2003-2004)

The cadre again purchased books for the student as gifts at the end of each semester. In the fall, the student teachers were given Teachers Are Special, compiled by Nancy Burke. In the spring, the student teachers received Private Lessons: A Book of Meditations for Teachers by Joy Jones.

Hosted a Regional Cadre Conference, April 26, 2004

The main activity for the year was the Cadre conference organized and hosted by the Northeast Iowa Cadre members. We began planning the conference in May 2003. During the school year, we met periodically for a dinner/planning meeting. The members were an essential part of the planning and presentation of the conference. The topic of the conference was "Protecting Education's #1 Resource: Teachers". Approximately 40 UNI faculty and cadre members attended the conference from other centers. Feedback from the conference was very positive both for the timeliness of the topic and the organization of the day.