



## Monthly Report: November-January 2008

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### Overview of Activities

#### *The Attic Museum, VAS and Millworks Gallery*

The support we have received to get the Museum and the VAS back up and running has been wonderful. After receiving donations and grants, we are hoping to partner with the Uxbridge Youth Center and occupy space at 111 S. Main Street (where the Uxbridge Early Childhood Center was formally located and Andimo's Restaurant before that).

We received a \$2,000 grant from the Chamber of Commerce for a project called The Creative Classroom. The goal is to pair local artists with teachers whom together create opportunities to enrich the curriculum using the arts. Pamela Murphy, a local artist and art therapist, has been working with a number of our classes. Some of the projects are:

1. Mrs. Stankevitz's first grade class created 3-d ponds as an introduction to their pond life unit. Using paper plates, sand, construction paper and markers students brainstormed the types of things that you may find in and around a pond. And we all agreed you don't find the Eiffel Tower!
2. Mrs. Hazard's first grade class has been working on 3d shapes, so Pamela introduced origami and together they made origami frogs (see picture).



3. Next week Mrs. Quintiliani's third grade class will be creating geodesic domes out of folded circles as they explore the topics in geometry.

I will be working with Mrs. Bazzett's third grade class next week on Colonial American games. After exploring the various types of games played by children in that era we will make our own marbles from clay, sew marble bags and during a subsequent visit, play a few marble games. I don't know who's looking forward to this opportunity more - Mrs. Bazzett, her students, or I!

We will also be working with Mrs. Davis and the second grade teachers on projects to support their International Fair.

### *The After Hours Program*

The spring program is nearly ready and will be sent out to families within the next few weeks. We are thrilled to have a number of new teachers who will be offering some of our popular program from previous sessions along with some new offerings. We also will be offering three half days of camp this

### *Grants/Donations*

I have released our first internal newsletter focused on grant opportunities specific to individual teachers and students. There are many opportunities that I come across that are only appropriate for classroom teachers. My regular newsletter will highlight various grants, scholarships and competitions as I come across them. The news letter is posted on the district's website.

I have attached a summary of competitive and non-competitive grants over the past two years along with a year to date total for the current fiscal year.

Attachments;

- Grant Summary
- The Money Tree newsletter