



Christmas 2011 and New Year 2012



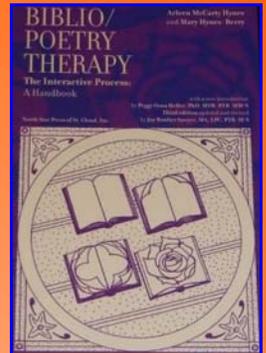
Don't Leave the story in the book
Using Literacies to Guide Inquiry
in Early Childhood Education
by
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This was Mary's year! Finally released was her lifetime's work (so far!) on how stories help us all learn "*Don't Leave the Story in the Book*": by Teachers College Press in November (cover by Nico); and then the third edition of the "*Bibliotherapy bible*" (1st edition with her mother) will be released in January by St. John's University Press. She is now zipping around the USA to book sales, etc (her website is *Maryhynesberry.com*).

Otherwise, Mary and I continue to ignore our sons' questions about when will we ever retire - but when working is fun and rewarding why stop... Seeing the grand-daughters growing up so quickly and wonderfully of course does make us realize we are now the older generation - this year's Hynes family reunion in August in Minnesota brought that home to us, as organizing skills are clearly being passed on to the next generation - we only had to wear our "funny hats", talk, lock up the misbehaving kids, admire the softball players skills (25 fielders each team), and wonder who will still be around in 5 years time. [One family patriarch, Mitch Perrizo died in December, at age 94].

During the year, we managed to visit all grandchildren and/or they also visited us...in Brooklyn with Mireille and Savannah, in Louisville (Sebastien's 40th birthday bash) with Ava and Tyra, in San Francisco with Simone and Saskia (see pics overleaf). Geb moved in to his new house in Brooklyn; new school (science magnet!) for Mireille (6th grade); new school for Simone (1st grade!) - Saskia misses her so much during the day - same jobs as last year for those sons and daughters-in-law. But not to forget our youngest, Daniel and Anita! They went to Singapore (from Frankfurt), with Daniel now teaching preschool there - so



that's where we go for Christmas and New Year - great adventure -with more to come - although Mary has to return (for her Erikson teaching and Math I-3 program), Gordon will be visiting schools in Singapore (2 weeks) then on to India (physics research in New Delhi), followed by 2 months at Woodstock school in the Himalayan foothills teaching teachers about technology and hands-on science in general. (Home via England to complete a round-the-world trip).



[Photos above: Mary, Mireille, Savannah wet in Chicago; Sebastien family & Gaga; Gogo, Simone Nico San Francisco]
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