

# Egg babies aren't egg-actly fun!

Parenting class provides reality

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The hardest part so far has been getting through the lunch line at school while holding one's egg baby.

Nicholas County High School students in Sue Kirby's parenting class took a dose of adulthood when they created their hollow egg babies last Wednesday.

The rule: The baby must stay with the mother at all times. "You have to take it to the bathroom too," said a guy in the class.

"They've already had a murder trial," informed substitute teacher, Mona Willoughby, "think they get dropped a letter grade if they're found guilty."

she said. The students name their babies and decorate the infants' bed, some used hankies lined with washcloths. Kevin Booth keeps his baby, "Cavanaugh," in a small metal cash box.

The student parents see the baby through every part of life, feeding, changing diapers, and sicknesses. Bill Parker's baby, "Cosmo," had big blue eyes Tuesday morning, but dried up red dots on his face. "I'm sorry about your baby being sick," Secretary Paula Hunter soothed.

"Yes, poor Cosmo got the Chicken Pox," Parker nodded. "I think keeping their diapers on it hard and packing them around with you all day at school and trying to go to lunch, mentioned Carolyn Flora, whose baby, Emily, was wrapped in a dainty basket lined in hot pink and glitter.

"Yes, the worst is when you're trying to go out and you've got your baby with you. It's hard to carry," added Kim Trussell. The babies are a week-long venture in parenthood, students agree. They were fun to decorate, at least. Jennifer Caswell even gave her "son" Austin, a pacifier.

Though bothersome to carry around, the egg babies were lightweight, odor free and managed to keep quiet during 2 a.m. feedings.

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Students in the class include: Mandy Atkinson, Kevin Booth, Edgar Carson, Jennifer Caswell, Tara Estes, Carolyn Flora, James Kenney, James Laver, Billy McCarry, Crystal McKinney, Nick Sabone, Bill Parker, Jeff Peters, Crystal Robinson, Angela Sexton, Amber Smith, Crystal Soggy, Karl Soper, Jason Swartz, Allen Thorsburg, Kim Trussell, Chris White, Mike Zornes, B. J. Hillard, and Josh Abney.



Kevin Booth kept his "baby" Cavanaugh in a small metal cash box. All egg babies had to be well taken care of, just like human infants.



Jennifer Caswell put a pacifier in her egg baby's mouth!



Carolyn Flora, Amber Smith and Crystal Robinson let their egg babies have nap time together in parenting class recently. The class has kept the egg babies since last Wednesday and has a few more days to go!



Bill Parker had to deal with egg baby "Cosmo's" illness - chicken pox. It seems the egg developed a red rash Tuesday morning.



Kim Trussell thought her egg baby was a lot of trouble!

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