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This short but sweet week we jumped into geometry. We made snappy shapes with tight triangles. After finishing all we could think of, we graphed them and tried to pick out Pat's particular rule. Titan Tiarnan won the contest when he figured out the rule was based on the number of sides and edges of the shapes. We then learned wild words that went along with our shapes. Triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon, polygon, trapezoid and parallelogram are now words in our vocabulary. Tiarnan thought the lesson was a terrific team effort.

We ran from station to station with Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, learning about slavery and the Underground Railroad. We are working on the "Box of Freedom" for the Little Village newspapers. Look for it outside the crazy co-op soon.

In our rapid reading groups Eccentric Ethan, Kranky Kyler, Magical Megan and Courageous Clare started reading Bridge to Terribithia. We learned about Jessie, a boy who lives smashed between four sisters, an artist who wants to be an athlete. We also met Leslie, a boyish girl who moved into the old house next door. Clare loves the book.

Tornado Tiarnan, Hurricane Hunter and Exceptional Ella are reading, A Place of Freedom, a book about a family of slaves who were freed by their master and escaped to Illinois. The father went back to free other slaves and they all started a town. Hunter the Horror thinks the story is creative. Tiarnan the Terrible thinks it has crazily creative artwork. Ella is excited to be reading on her own.

We also had a thundering game of spelling baseball. The Thunders played against the Bolts. Unfortunately the game was called because of rain. The score was tied, and we will resume next week. We also played a great game of Where in the World, where we are learning about North and South America.

We are all looking forward to our long weekend in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

That's all for now,
Pat's Punks

NOTES:

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY AND MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 15.

February is PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE month. PLEASE set up a time with Pat to meet with your creative kid and let them share all they have accomplished so far this year. We are hoping for 100% attendance, so make your appointments quickly.

Keep saving those campbells coupons!