

Pat's Learning Armadillos

The snow swirled as Tiarnan jumped out of the big bad red truck. He brushed the sand off his feet, changed his flip-flops to snow boots and entered the frigid frozen school. "I'm back from California with a lot stories." We all welcomed him back.

As Tiarnan walked in, Tristan walked out heading for New Zealand and the sunny sandy beaches of summer. Even though we were jealous, we threw him a magnificent massive party. We started by studying all about New Zealand (which is on the other side of the wicked world.) We learned that the native Maori tribes tattoo their bodies to show their importance. We decided to tattoo our own fantastic faces. We also studied about the fabulous food of New Zealand and planned a scrumptious feast, which we made ourselves and relished for lunch. We finished the day watching the magical movie Whale Rider. We want to thank Ethan and his family for allowing us to watch this wonderful movie on their big screen TV. Poor Max and Ari missed this perfect party because they were sick. We missed their joyful presence. We will also miss T-Bone's (Tristan)super smile which brightens up our school.

On our travels around town, we are still reading Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. This seriously sad story tells about a young girl sick with the Atom Bomb sickness. Every paper crane she folds is a wish to get better, but We are at the part where Sadako is so sick she cannot make any more paper cranes. One lucky golden paper crane watches over her. We have made one lucky golden paper crane for Sophie Paine in hopes that she will get better. We have now folded three hundred and forty of our one thousand cranes. AT this time they grace the walls of our own school waiting to fly with well wishes to Sophie.

We will not be enjoying school this next Monday, due to the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. We may have to go sledding or something like that. Tomorrow will be talking about what this great man did to have a holiday named after him.

Signing off for another week,
The Younger Dudes