

PLA Weekly
January 19, 2006

This short week we talked about Martin Luther King Jr. and why they have a holiday for him. We talked about segregation, what it is and how the civil rights movement started with the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Ethan thinks that civil rights are rights everyone should have. We talked about how hard it would be to keep a boycott up for 382 days and talked about walking to school from Pat's to get an idea of what it would be like. Pat is reading us a book about MLK and the civil rights movement and we plan to watch a movie about the Montgomery Bus Boycott tomorrow.

On Wednesday we went to the children's hospital library to read our fantastic book, Into the Blue for story hour. Tiarnan was proud of his great reading and Gerrit thought he did the best job bringing the story to life. They loved us so much that they want us to return. We are thinking of making a play and putting it on for a story hour in the future.

This wacky week we have also learned more about silly sea animals like crusty crabs, stuffy starfish, and squishy squid. We all wrote reports about our favorite sea animal without a backbone. Tiarnan wrote his report about starfish and how they eat their prey. Gerrit learned that squid have 8 legs and two longer legs called tentacles, which they use to catch food. Super Steve brought in a movie about the coral reef for us to watch. Coral lay their eggs all on the same day in November. We watched as the coral spread their eggs throughout the sea. Sometimes they looked like smoke and sometimes they looked like bumpy balls floating in the water.

In writing we continue to work on our marvelous month poems. We have all finished and are drawing perfect pictures to go with them. We hope to have our creative calendar ready for distribution next week.

In math we did estimating and counting with raisins. In one activity, Pat gave us a box of raisins and we had to count the number we could see on top of the box. Then we had to use that information to estimate how many raisins would be in the whole box.

Tomorrow we hope to go ice-skating at the Coral Ridge ice skating rink. We need to bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of admission and skate rental.

Lovely Laurel and Super Sue continue to help us with individual reading and knitting and our creative cook Cathy keeps us well nourished. Thank you.

Brought to you by: Tic Toc Tiarnan and Gerrit the Greeeat