

Pat's Learning Adventure

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Volcano Vivian burst into Pat's perfectly peaceful house on Tuesday morning. We all erupted with enchanted joy at the return of our fantastic friend. Vivian's first words were "I'm hungry". We knew she hadn't changed a bit during her evil exile from our stupendous school. "It feels great to be back," Vivian sang. We all agreed and wish she could visit more often.

Stand Back Steve, our science savior brought in a big box of bones this week as we continued to study about the skeleton. We got to look close up at the cranium, mandible, femur, fibula and tibia and vertebrae of different animals. It was an exciting and exotic as well as educational experience.

We continue to work on grievous geometry in mild math class. This week we used toothpicks to make all the shapes we could following the rule that ends must touch and a straight line or square corner must be made. We came up with sixteen special shapes. We copied the shapes onto dot paper and will make game cards to use next week. We have also been working on aching arithmetic. Ethan says his math problems in his boring book are devilish demons.

Following our special sledding adventure last week, we continued to play and build in the slippery snow. We started a drooling snow dragon with ice fangs that guards our humble home. Tomorrow we will tromp off to the Natural History Museum to look at more skeletons.

We traveled the Underground Railroad again this week as we read more books about slavery. The Underground Railroad is not a real railroad but is a series of tunnels, and friendly homes used by thousands of slaves to escape slavery. We talked about the unfairness of slavery and the horrors of trying to escape. We all agreed that if it were now, we would want to be a part of the helping underground railroad. On February 9, we will be going to the Herbert Hoover Museum to see an exhibit on the Underground Railroad.

We will be going ice skating and taking skating lessons next week Friday, February 2.

*Signing off for now as we head to the luscious library,
Kangaroo Kyler and Emperor Ethan (with a little help from Particular Pat)*