

*P.L.A.*  
*February 15, 2006*

The most exciting thing we did this week was making chocolate truffles with Miki's mom, Elizabeth. She told us the Aztecs mixed chocolate beans with blood and drank it. Cacao beans were worth more than gold. This is how we made our truffles: We boiled heavy whipping cream and poured it over chocolate. Then we stirred the mixture to make it shiny. We put orange and hazelnut flavors into the mix. Then we let it cool, made little balls, and rolled it cocoa powder. When everyone was done, we put little chocolate nibs in them and gave them away to our parents, teachers, and helpers. This week we decorated our boxes with great, colorful decorations for our Valentine's party, and we gave cards away...and candy!

YESTERDAY A RACCOON VISITED US. HE WAS GRAY AND WHITE, AND KNOCKING THE CAGE TRYING TO GET OUT. I WAS EXCITED. A RACCOON MAN CAME AND TOOK HIM AWAY, AND THEN WE PLAYED SOCCER AND PRACTICED BATTING WITH MEGAN. IT WAS SUNNY OUTSIDE AND THAT MADE ME HAPPY. BUT IT WASN'T SUNNY ENOUGH THAT YOU COULD GO "SURE'S UP!"

Yesterday we made totem poles. They are wooden statues for showing weird pictures of animals. We are making shark totem poles because we're studying sharks. I learned that sharks don't have a backbone. They have cartilage. It's like the hard part in your ear.

In Math we have been studying fractions. In Writing we have been writing acrostic poems where we put our whole name down and make words describing ourselves from the letters in our name. We also did a free write on the season, and Tiarnan did a drawing about sound.

*Announcements:*

*No school Friday and Monday*

*Bring in shoe boxes for our Science project on dioramas of the ocean*

*Feb 24<sup>th</sup> = ice skating!*

By Tiarnan (the awesome)