

Pat's Learning Adventure

Newsletter, February 15, 2007

This short, shredded, snowy week, we skipped in and out of school. Clare and Megan thought they would have an extra day off to go skiing with their dad, but the weather wouldn't have it. We all had a super snow day!

We did have time for marvelous math. We played a stupendous silent multiplication game. Pat picked a perfect pattern using multiplication problems. We solved the problems and searched for the peculiar pattern. The rule was we had to be silent and use mental math. We discovered that when you double a factor, the product doubles. We also learned that you can change around the factors and the product stays the same. ~~AB~~ We realized we could work harder and harder problems with the help of these patterns. Ethan thought silent multiplication was a

fun learning game. Tiarnan and Hunter played a game called "Billy Goes Shopping" where they had to add money and give change. Peppy Patrick worked hard solving addition problems with unknowns. He was exhausted after all that tough thinking.

Writing silly sentences in Grammar brightened our snowy days. We used perky parts of speech to form sneaky sentences. Titan Tiarnan thought it was fiery, fabulous fun. We have also been playing marvelous mad libs.

This week, week, we only had one Super Science class. We learned that when you take a breath, the air goes down your windpipe through the bronchial tubes into your lungs, feeding your blood with oxygen. The huge muscle at the bottom of your ribs is called the diaphragm. It helps you take a breath. When it has spasms, it causes you to hiccup. We looked at healthy pink lungs and

bleak black lungs of cigarette smokers.
Magical Megan drew a picture of part of the bronko body,

Wednesday was Valentines Day!
We celebrated with a flavorables fruit salad thanks to Hurricane Hunter's fabulous family and their valentine of our favorite fruits.

Today is the last day of school this week! We have Friday and Monday, February 16 and 19 off in honor of President's Day. President's Day celebrates the birthdays of George Washington (our first president) and Abe Lincoln (who wrote the Emancipation proclamation and was president during the civil war.) Ethan and Pat recited the Gettysburg Address for us. It is a famous speech by Abe Lincoln.

We have loved reading poems by Langston Hughes, a black poet. He talks a lot about freedom, liberty and being an African American.

Signing off,
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