



Newsletter- March 6, 2008

We have been working this wise, wizard week on endless magical math. Ella, Luna, Tiarnan and Max used delightfully delicious fractions to measure ingredients for a cinnamony, frosted moist spice cake. We then feasted upon the delicious, surprisingly stupendous super sweet clouds of wonder. The rest of the class did not miss out on freaky fractions. They have been working on surprisingly fun fraction pistol packets using pattern blocks. In addition to fractions, our misty math maidens Ella and Luna have been counting our caring, king cranes. We carefully counted our king cranes up to 959, first grouping them by tens, then hundreds. We cannot wait to deliver our Sophie surprise. We hope it brings her healing joy.

Elegant Ella and Patrick the Pistol

This wild winter weather gave us the perfect material for writing frosty poems. With sub-zero temperatures and twelve inches of snow surrounding us we had time and lots of experience to describe the cold. Sitting and observing the splendid snow or joining in exciting play, we all had plenty to say. Here are a few examples:

Icicles

By Ethan

Looking out my door, I see  
Icy fingers, sharp as spears.  
Reaching out my hand  
I grab them, they feel  
like pieces of joy  
shooting down  
my spine.  
Frigid ghosts  
tunneling  
through my  
distressed  
throat  
Soothingly  
Cold

A Winter Day  
By: Luna Blue

Snowy snowflake fun-ness  
School cancelled  
Snowmen, snow angels coming alive  
Ice-skating  
Catching snowflakes on my tongue  
Falling on my butt.

Invasion of the snow!  
Making soggy gloves, wet socks  
Boots dripping with icky icy water  
Dragging me to the frozen ground  
I am an icicle  
Frigid phalanges freezing  
Stiff and solid like ice crystals  
A snow dragon's claws.

My frozen body needs  
A flaming red fire  
Steamy hot chocolate; melty marshmallows  
Warm chili and cornbread  
Toasting tofu dogs by the fire  
Dreaming of camping  
snuggling in a blanket  
surrounded by  
the warmth of family

Signing off,  
Completely Cool Clare and Superbly Super Sarah

In Science, we've been dining with dinosaurs  
dancing with them too.  
Drawing and reading,  
finding fun freaky facts.  
Some dinosaurs were small  
Some were tall  
Snapping, snarling, clawing, pawing  
We love them all!  
We'll study them till we are nutty  
And share what we learn.  
If we finish our papers by Monday  
A trip to Chicago we earn.

Meganaurus and Ariasaurus

We continue to enjoy Book Talk, a time to share books we have been reading independently. Our reading dragon continues to grow. Each time we read a book, we put a scale (with our individual color) on our dragon. We are almost finished with Whale Rider, the book we are reading and enjoying together. (almost all of us, loveable Luna has been using this time to practice her own reading skills with Mystical Michele) Energetic Ethan and Mighty Max

This wacky week, we have been yakking in yoga class. We have discussed the kind of yoga that we practice call Hatha yoga. Hatha means balancing the opposites (like flexibility and strength). We have practiced different moves, which show the various ways we move our spine, arms, and hips. James has encouraged us to continue to practice these awesome poses at home to help our bodies become balanced.

Excellent Elias and

Titan Tiarnan

We are now perfect Pizza Bakers!

Last week Friday was a special day, we went on two fieldtrips. After a little silent reading time, we headed off to Pleasing Pizza on Dubuque, where we learned how to make our own pizzas. After washing our hands, each of us got our own clump of dough. We rolled out the dough to form the crust. Next, we put on the sauce, the cheese and our own choice of toppings. Then our creations headed for the ominous ovens. We waited and presto, out came our own perfect pizza. We took one bite; it tasted scrumptious. After a cookie treat, we were full.

As if that wasn't enough, we got to go slippery sledding down the roly polly bumpy hills at Willowcreek park. Everyone had a great time.

This Friday, March 7, we will be going swimming. Please bring a swimsuit and towel in a bag marked with your name to school on Friday.

Kind Kyler and Loveable Luna

Next Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13, we will be going on an overnight trip to Chicago. We plan on visiting the Field Museum in Chicago as a culmination of our dinosaur study and our study of New Zealand. Kids will need \$30 to cover food expenses. Pat will cover the cost of the museum, gas, the hotel and treats. A permission

slip with more details will come home Friday. Please return it to school on Monday with your money. If you have any concerns or questions, check with Pat.

**March tuition and hot lunch fee is due. If you have not paid, please do so.**