



Newsletter, April 3, 2008

Incredible Indian food graced our lunch table last Tuesday thanks to Allison. She mystically made an unbelievable feast of luscious lentil vegetable soup, ravishing rice, delicious Dahl, and nifty naan to treat our taste buds. Everyone enjoyed it! We want to thank her for preparing this terrific treat.

After this wicked winter, we walked the trails of hickory Hill Park looking for signs of splendid spring. Surprisingly there were many; tiny buds poking out of the mucky mud, the crooked creek flowing, green grass making its debut and super sunshine warming us. We also came across a shelter built with branches and sticks in the middle of the park. We added our wacky walking sticks to the structure. It felt great to breath in the warm fresh air.

Also in science this week, we have been exploring our precious resource, water (aka. H₂O). On Tuesday we kept track of how much water we used in one day. Then we discussed ways of reducing our usage. In the next two weeks, we will go on three fieldtrips referring to water. On Monday we will visit the water filtration plant, on Wednesday, the water treatment plant and next Monday, the landfill. We hope all these trips will help us become aware of ways to preserve wonderful water.

We have finally finished reading the beautiful book Whale Rider. The climatic ending told the final events of Kahu and the whales. We discussed the themes of man and nature, and problems against discrimination, especially against women. We also learned a lot about the culture of the Maori tribe of New Zealand.

On our trips around town, we have started listening to the book, Island of the Blue Dolphin. This great story is a book of survival. We are at the part where the tribe is leaving the island after Russian trappers attacked and killed most of the men. Ramo, the younger brother was left on the island. We are anxious to find out what is going to happen.

After finishing our dynamic dinosaur reports, we have all chosen topics and partners for our next project from the past, the History Fair. Today at the library, we will start researching our topics. Stay tuned to find the date we will present to parents and friends.

Make sure your child gets enough sleep and a nutritious breakfast next week as we are starting to take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Pat will make sure we have a snack in the morning and we will need to bring sack lunches on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will take the tests at the library. Tristan, Ella, Luna and Max will not be taking the test and will be doing activities with Michele at the library during test time.

Signing off,
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Necessary Notes:
Tuition and hot lunch money is due. Thanks.