

PAT'S LANKY ALLIGATORS

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ALL HAD A GREAT TIME!!!

WE THE KIDS OF PLA WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE KLINE FAMILY FOR THE DELICIOUS DINNER AND OPEN HOUSE PARTY. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE THEM UP THE HILL. WE HAD FUN, FANTASTIC FOOD AND MADE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THANKS TO ALL PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS WHO ATTENDED AND ADDED TO THE ENJOYABLE, EXCITING EXTRAVAGANZA.

**HOWEVER, WE DID ADD TO THE PARTY OURSELVES. THIS LAST WEEK WE CLEANED OUR CRAZY CLASSROOM, UNTIL OUR WRINKLED FINGERS ALMOST FELL OFF. WE WERE PROUD OF THE RESULTS, A SHINY SCHOOL.
SILLY SARAH AND ELECTRIC ETHAN**

Today we have a special visitor. Asjah weber is visiting our school. Asjah is going to come on Tuesdays and Thursdays next year. Today she wanted to see what it is like to go to the library. So far, she is having fun. She liked playing with the marble machine during arrival time. Asjah thinks that all the kids at Pla are very friendly. She and naovye played together and are becoming best friends. They are both very silly. All of the kids are excited about asjah's coming next year. Lovely luna, Nifty Naovy and active asjah

The dazzling dioramas are finished! We hope that you were all able to see them at the open house. Exotic Ella thought making them was fun and frustrating. "There were a lot of accidents, but at the same time we were able to fix them. It was kind of fun." She said. Magical Megan thought the most fun was making the dinosaurs, but was frustrated with making the background and fitting the dinosaurs in. "I really liked making and gluing in the trees and painting them into the background," Megan verbalized her thoughts. Mad Max, as always, is silent about his hard work. He did let out that his favorite part of the project was making the flying pterodactyl. Exotic Ella, Magical Megan and Mad Max

We are becoming true yogis as we work on learning more and harder poses while mastering ones we already know. James continues to challenge us, while keeping yoga actively fun. In cricket pose, you balance on your hands while your legs and feet are gracefully hovering over the ground. Another balancing pose is firefly, which King Kong Klyler mastered this week. Many of us (like Pat) continue to struggle with the wicked wheel pose, a backbend that leaves Pat looking like a broken wheel. This week Terrific Tiarnan finally mastered it. We leave yoga stretched, sweating and happy.
King Kong Kyler

This wonderful week we made linoleum prints. We picked a favorite poem and thought of a simple image in the poem. Then we drew it on linoleum and used cool tools to cut them out. The linoleum was like rubber but a little softer. It was hard and Tristan got a little cut. "I got a cut and it hurt a little, but it was still fun carving." Titan Tristan said. Energetic Ellias mused, "I thought the linoleum felt really cool peeling away under your tool." For the final step, we rolled ink over them and printed them on paper. Our parents were amazed at our wonderful work.
Titan Tristan, and Energetic Ellias

Electrical current is flowing through the school these days. Super Science Steve has been showing us how to complete a circuit and turn on a light bulb. We made batteries out of luscious lemons, create delectromagnets and tried to make an electric motor. Not all experiments work and we are still trying to figure out how to make our motors run. Maybe next time.

Artistic Ari

THIS WEEK WE WILL BE SLAVING AWAY AGAIN, PUTTING TOGETHER A WONDERFUL HISTORY FAIR. THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT PAT S HOUSE. WE HOPE YOU CAN ALL MAKE IT. THE KIDS WILL STAY AT SCHOOL AND GET READY FOR THE PERFORMANCE ON THURSDAY.

NEXT FRIDAY, MAY 23, WE PLAN TO CELEBRATE OUR HARD WORK WITH A BIKE HIKE. GET THOSE BIKES OILED AND READY FOR A FUN DAY ON THE TRAILS. IF YOU HAVE A BUDDY BIKE WE COULD BORROW, PLEASE LET PAT KNOW.

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO GO OVER BASIC SKILLS SCORES WITH YOUR CHILD. CHECK WITH PAT TO SET UP A TIME. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR:
THURSDAY, MAY 22ÖÖÖ. HISTORY FAIR- 6:00PM
FRIDAY, MAY 24ÖÖÖÖÖÖ..BIKE HIKE**

MONDAY, MAY 26 Ö Ö Ö Ö Ö MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY, MAY 27 Ö Ö Ö Ö Ö FIELD TRIP TO THE FOSSIL GORGE WITH
SHAWN VECERRA AS GUIDE
WEDNESDAY MAY 28 Ö Ö Ö Ö Ö GOOD-BY AND GRADUATION
CEREMONY-3:00-4 00PM
THURSDAY/SATURDAY, MAY 30-31 FINAL CLASS TRIP