

Pat's Little Annex

Newsletter
August 30, 2007

STAND BACK STEVE HAS RETURNED! He brought with him all his knowledge and humor. He made his introduction this week by reading a book called There's a Hair in My Dirt!!, by Gary Larson. This fantastic book had lots of humor and information about why you should not disturb nature. We finished class by discussing what we want to learn about this fresh, clean year.

In Steve's absence, we have been studying about nutrition. We have been using our research on the food pyramid to examine our luscious lunches. Even our prickly, picky eaters have been trying everything. We have been drinking lots of water and are thinking about keeping a food journal and recording all we eat to see if we REALLY have a nutritious diet. We are also exercising by stretching every marvelous morning and running around Pat's bungalows block.

Kiwi Clare and Milky Meagan

Mysterious math has been adding to our enjoyment and subtracting the time, we spend fooling around. We have been multiplying the number of ways we learn and dividing our energy on all subjects equally. Logic puzzles and number pattern games have dominated our time. Equivalent Ella is excited about the tough work she is doing this year and that she needs less help and is more independent.

Elliptical Ethan and

Equal Ella

This weird week Pat started reading us a spectacular book called Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain. Tom is a young mischievous boy who lives with his Aunt Polly. In the last chapter, he tricked his frivolous friends into whitewashing a fence that Tom was supposed to do for his chores. Particular Patrick the Pistol thinks this is the second best book he has ever heard. We hope to visit the Mississippi River Museums (one of Patrick's choices of fieldtrips) when we finish the book...

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Patrick the Pistol

We are fortunate to welcome a new art teacher. Nathan Beattie, (Ari's father) has agreed to share his time and talent with us on Friday mornings starting two weeks from now. We are all extremely excited!

Artistic Ari

We now have a Calendar of Event for September. Here are the activities we have planned.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31
PICTURE DAY
(THIS IS TOMORROW)
DRESS NICELY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31
TRIP TO MAQUOKETA CAVES
WEAR OLD CLOTHES
(yes this is the same day, bring a change of clothes)
(If you want a special picture of Sarah, talk to her)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
PLANNED BIKE HIKE
(We still may need a bike tag on if someone has one to borrow)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
CURRICULUM AFTERNOON AND POT LUCK
4:00-6:00

This will be at the school, please bring a dish to share.
Super Sarah