

PLA Pirate Report
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Ahoy Buccaneers,

We are reading, Treasure Island, an exciting book about Pirates. The book is about a boy named Jim, who gets involved with a hunt for treasure. With him are his friends, Doctor Livsey, and Squire Trelawney. They get involved with a group of pirates who are pretending to be shipmates. The leader of the band is a one legged cook named Long John Silver. We are at the point right after where Jim overhears Long John planning to take over the ship, take the treasure and get rid of Jim and his friends.

We have also been reading true facts about pirates, and stories about real pirates. This week we learned about Blackbeard, a ferocious pirate who often braided flammable chords into his hair to make himself look fierce. He was evil. We also talked about a woman pirate who Vivian told us had her ear ripped off by another pirate. She wore her ear around her neck.

In addition to this, we are studying about explorers who went around Africa looking for a sea route to India. We talked the Silk Road, the Crusades and how exploration started. The last explorer we studied was Vasco da Gama, a Portuguese explorer who first sailed around the southern tip of Africa to India.

In math the older kids have been reviewing addition, subtraction and multiplication. We did a project making arrays with the numbers from 1-36 and looking for patterns. It was evil and hard, but we did it. The younger kids have been exploring number value. Yesterday we baked an apple pie with the apples off the tree in Ethan's yard. It was yummy.

In science we have been studying about space, the universe, galaxies, stars and our solar system. Our sun is a small star. We discussed Pluto no longer being a planet but now thought of as a "dwarf planet".

Can't talk longer, we must plan our next treasure hunt at school for next week.

Signing off,
Eager Ethan, Cannon Clare and Pad foot Pat