

Pat's Learning Annex
September 8, 2005

This week we, the wonderful students, enjoyed beginning school on Tuesday. We were pleased to acquire a beautiful, white, striped, cool, awesome, big van, to transport us back and forth from our unique school. The focus of our studies this week has been on the devastating Katrina. We have been studying how hurricanes form, their size and strength, and their massive winds, which can exceed 75 miles an hour. In order to raise money for the scared and sad hurricane victims, we are planning on reading for rescue. This is where we ask for precious pledges for every page we read. Please donate to this good cause.

This week we have been doing a lot of torturous math. We are working on division, multiplication, estimation, algebra, and adding and subtracting difficult numbers. We have also continued to study breathtaking poetry. Yesterday we listened to two meaningful poems and discussed them. Our plan is to write our own poems that vividly describe who we are. Then we will colorfully illustrate these poems. Yesterday we wrote an extraordinary poem describing our magnificent class.

We continue to make long spelling chains to improve our silly spelling skills. In our literary groups we have continued with our reading of *The Phantom Tollbooth*, which is funny and famous, and *The Bridge to Terabithia*, which is compassionate. We are working on illustrating one of the moving scenes from this book. Megan has been reading *Boxcar Children*, and Tiarnan has been reading the fantastic *Little Bear* books.

In Journalism we have begun writing gripping articles about Katrina. Yesterday we learned about what is important in a good news article.

We are looking forward to going to City Park and walking to the magnificent art museum tomorrow.

This weeks addition was brought to you by:

Janessa the brilliant, Sam VanwillingIAM, and Ethan the brave

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