

Pat's Learning Adventure back at the Annex

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We were extraordinarily excited to return to our wonderful school even though the first day was pouring cats and dogs. As the secret sun came out of its hiding on Wednesday, we all headed out to our squiggly schoolyard to write poetry. The warm, cool breeze added to our creative energies. We hope to have these wonderful words finished before next week and will include a few in the next newsletter.

A DYNAMIC DRAGON HAS INVADED OUR SCHOOL! HE GROWS LARGER EVERY DAY AS WE READ TO FEED HIM. EACH WEDNESDAY, WE HAVE BOOK TALK. BOOK TALK IS A TIME WE SHARE THE BOOKS WE ARE READING WITH THE CLASS. WE TALK ABOUT THE AUTHOR, CHARACTERS, SETTING AND PLOT. WHEN A PERSON FINISHES A BOOK TALK SESSION, THEY GET A SCALE FOR THE DRAGON'S BODY. WE HOPE TO READ ENOUGH BOOKS TO HELP HIM WIND AROUND THE SCHOOL.

This week in stupendous science, we continued to study about nutty nutrition. The older kids worked on making their own super scale. We plan to measure different ingredients in our food. (for instance, how much sugar is really in the drinks we drink?) Speaking of sugar in drinks, with the younger kids, Super Science Steve did measure how much sugar was in a grape drink we had. We found out that there was over a cup of sugar in the small bottle of great grape juice drink. This spectacular science class was a booming blast as well as incredibly educational.

We are planting seeds to study our family tree by getting information about our roots. We have all drawn pictures of our families (as we see them) and interviewed our parents to get some stories of our ethnic backgrounds. We will continue this study in conjunction with a study of families around the world.

Tomorrow, Friday, September 14, we plan to go on the best bionic bike hike (if we can get enough bike buddies and adults to help ride. Pat is scanning her friends for volunteers). We plan to leave City Park and ride on the trail all the way to Napoleon Park. If we cannot make it happen, we plan a scavenger hunt at Hickory Hill Park.

PS. Do not forget the curriculum day on Sunday, September 16 from 4:00-6:00. Bring a dish to share.

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