

## Pat's Learning Annex

*September 14, 2005*

This amazing week we worked on our "I am" poems. While composing our unique "I am" poems we have thought about who we are, and compared ourselves to animals and other things like trees, rivers, and storms, that are a part of nature. We have been trying to use adjectives, alliteration, and comparisons in our outstanding poems.

In our long, hard Math course, we have been studying measurements. Some of us have also been studying tiring multiplication, arduous division, and listing what is greater and less than what.

In Art Sabin, Clare, Sam, and Ethan have been doing abstract art. We have been learning about the differences between geometric and organic shapes. Meanwhile, mischievous Mo, marvelous Meagan, and terrific Tiarnan (this is an example of alliteration), have been making weird pictures of people and insects.

In Reading Clare, Sabin, Ethan, Pat, Mo, Meagan and Tiarnan, have been reading the funny "The Phantom Tollbooth." We are enjoying this excellent book. Miki, Sam, Anna, Janessa, and Abby completed the beautiful "Bridge to Terabithia." They have been writing fluency writes and discussing the book together. As a group we have been reading the odd book, "Killing Mr. Griffin."

During Science we have been studying terrifying hurricanes. We learned that they're very dangerous, can exceed 200 MPH, that they form from the sun heating the water, which causes the water to evaporate into the air, and when it hits a cold cloud above the cold air pushes the hot air down, and the hot air hits the water again and comes back up, which causes a circle to form. There's a part right in the middle where nothing is being disturbed, which is called the eye of the storm. We continue to do a helpful Read-A-Thon to support sad and hopeful Katrina victims.

In PE we have been playing tiring football. We also enjoyed supervised swimming on Monday in the chill pool.

This week we would like to thank Pat for making fantastic grilled cheese sandwiches, and Cathy Woodman for making our delicious hot lunch today. We would also like to thank giant Jeremy for coming to PE.

Brought to you by: Quiet Clare, and Calm Gerrit

### Reminders

This Sunday we will have our curriculum potluck at Pat's Learning Annex, 552 Linder Rd from 3-5 pm. From 3-4 Pat will review the calendar, schedule and plans for this year, and answer any questions. Following, parents are invited to explore the new space and share a meal together. Please bring a dish and place serving for your family. Drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Next Thursday we will leave on our class trip to Decorah. Permission slips will follow next week.