

Pat's Learning Annex

September 21, 2006

Bonjour,

This week we started learning Francy French with our perfect professor Steve Fox (Tiarnan's grandpa). We learned graceful greetings and nutty numbers.

Thanks to our particularly perfect professor Steve for donating his terrific time to our greedy for knowledge group.

We finally finished the Terrific Treasure Island. Jim and his friends find the treasure and leave the pirates marooned on the island. Meanwhile that permanent pirate Long John Silver slipped away with part of the treasure and is never heard from again. It was an interesting and exciting book with a suspenseful ending. We finished our first five hundred-piece jigsaw puzzle while listening to the last chapters of Treasure Island. We are going to start reading Inkspell next.

We are pleased to announce that our Pirate Alphabet Book was completed this week. It will be on display for the upcoming curriculum day in October.

Mark the magnificent helped us make mind-boggling tangrams this week. They were horribly hard, but we persevered and finished. Next week we start a creative contest with building tangram designs. We also continued our mighty measurement activities. Tiarnan, Ella and Megan started a measurement book and used handspans to measure objects around the school. Ethan, Clare and Kyler found out that our bodies have the same ratio in some parts no matter how tall you are.

In poetry the older kids read Odes by Pablo Neruda. An ode is a poem that recognizes the importance of something in your life. We read Ode to Tomato, Ode to Salt, and Ode to Lemon. We plan to write an ode to Poor Pluto because we have been studying our solar system.

This coming week, September 28 and 29, we are planning our fall class trip to Triumphant Tiarnan's grandpa's farm and retreat center. More details for the trip will come in a note on Monday.

Announcement:

Horan Photos will take class pictures on Wednesday September 27 at 10:00 am at school. Dress accordingly.

Signing off,

Cannonball Clare, Enormous Ethan and Trouble T. Tiarnan