

Pat's Learning Annex

September 29, 2005

This crazy week we have been learning about how gray rain gets made. It was exciting when it rained this week because we knew how it gets made. In Science we also watched a video about lightning. We learned it can contain 1,000 bolts. It is so powerful it can set fires.

In Math, Tiarnan has been learning how to add numbers. The rest of the group has been studying measurement. We have measured our school van, and the library. We also made chocolate chip cookies yesterday to help us study fractions. Anna is studying the Pythagorean theorem.

In reading, Tiarnan has been reading "Little Bear." As a group, we are also reading "The Phantom Tollbooth," which we hope to finish tomorrow. Abby, Anna, and Sam continue to read and discuss "The Giver." Some questions they're trying to tackle include whether it's possible to create a perfect society, and what the difference is between honor and power.

In Art we have been doing lots of stuff. We are studying abstract art. Gerrit is working on a weird guy who looks as if he is a man with a fish mouth and one giant eye with glasses, and he has too very small legs. Tiarnan's guy has a skeleton leg and a girl's mouth. Please check out the other wild paintings and drawings in our art room.

In today's GD we talked about how to control ourselves and how to help Tiarnan behave his best and control the wild thing within him. We also talked about making a kindness chart to encourage one another. We talked about how to get attention the good way by working with people instead of getting attention the bad way, like walking into trees to be silly, or by interrupting.

We are looking forward to marching in the Homecoming parade, and hope to gather as many people as possible to join the celebration of the Annex. Please see the flier attached to the newsletter.

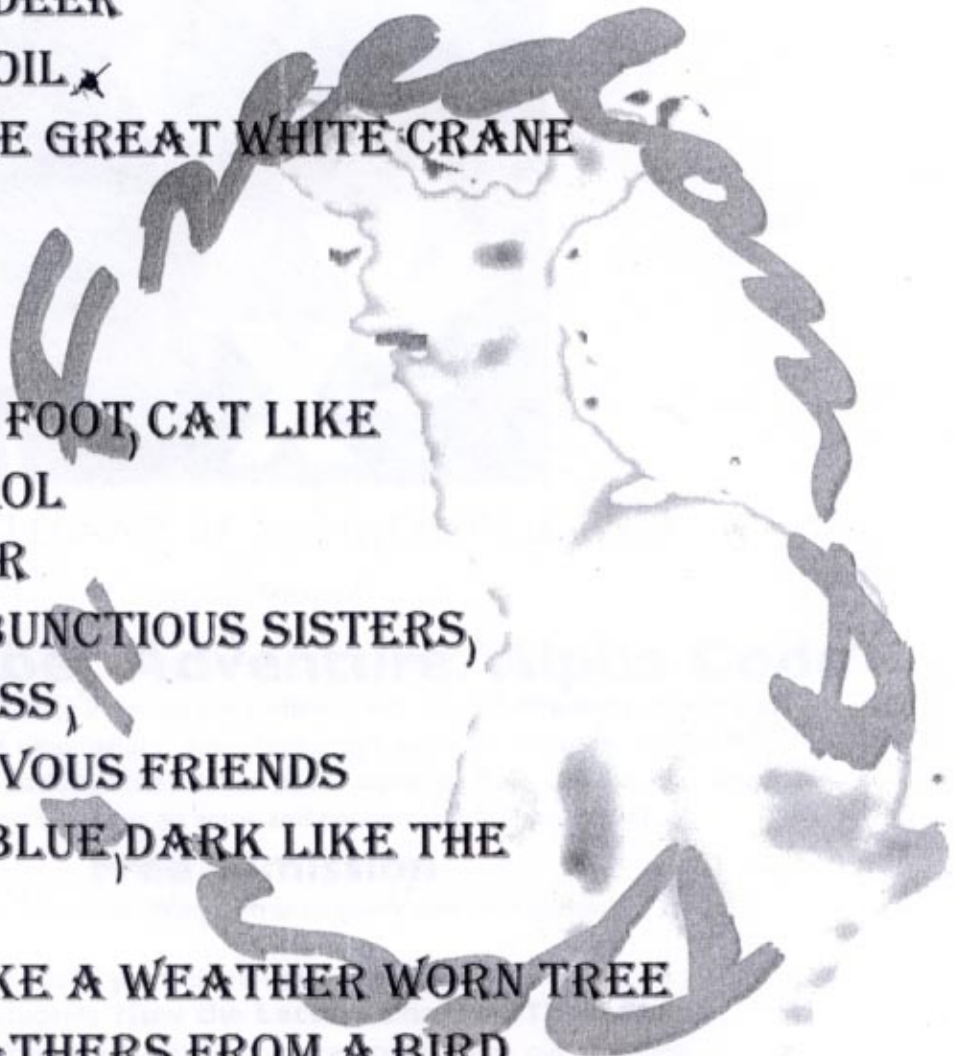
Tuition is due.

Tiranan the Great, and Gerrit the F

A deer's freedom

BY *Sabin Hieronymus*

I AM A GENTLE DEER
COLORED LIKE SOIL,
SHY, STILL, AS THE GREAT WHITE CRANE
QUIET
CARING
STRONG
AGILE, FLEET OF FOOT, CAT LIKE
LARGE, IN CONTROL
LOOKING OUT FOR
MY SMALL RAMBUNCTIOUS SISTERS,
MY CRAZED CLASS,
AND MY MISCHIEVOUS FRIENDS
EYES ROUNDED, BLUE, DARK LIKE THE
STORMY SKY
FUR SCRUFFY LIKE A WEATHER WORN TREE
WHITE TAIL, FEATHERS FROM A BIRD
I LOVE POUNCING THROUGH THE TALL TREES
I LOVE THE SWEET SMELL OF FRESH LEAVES
I LOVE FREEDOM



AN ALPHABET ADVENTURE!
at the
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

Saturday, October 8, 2005 11:00 a.m.



SCOTT CLELAND OF MINNEAPOLIS, MN

will present

The Alphabet Adventure/Alpha Code

An hour-long performance in which the audience will visit 10 different cultures and the interesting people who handed down humanity's greatest invention—WRITING! They will experience the continuous evolution of the alphabet, from caves to clay to cursive, through Scott's skills as an actor and passion as a literacy activist.

Free admission

Enter at Education Wing Entrance (back side of museum)

At **1:15 p.m.** there will be a **workshop** for interested students: **How the Letters Changed Their Shape**

Students discover the fascinating pictures that became our alphabet.

They copy along and learn how letters evolved into present day handwriting.

Then they examine these same changing shapes through an introduction to calligraphy.

Open to students in grades 6 to 9. Class limit, approximately 30 students.

\$15 workshop fee. Registration required. Scholarships available.

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