

Pat's Learning Annex
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This week has been exhilarating. We have been working hard on lots of Math. Some of us have been doing division. Others have been working on fractions. One of the best things we did this week was studying fractions with the apple pies that we baked. We used our knowledge of fractions to bake the pie, and then to divide it into different parts.

This week we also finished the final draft of our "I am" poems, and now we are illustrating one another's poems. Our goal is to make a color calendar and display it in Prairie Lights. We also did fluency writes. We wrote about what we saw in the ravine. We used comparisons and adjectives to make our writing vivid.

In our reading groups Sam, Anna, and Abby are close to finishing "The Giver." It's an exciting about a boy named Jonas who lives in a "perfect world." He becomes the receiver of memory. This means that he has to take in every memory – painful and pleasurable – that has ever happened, and that is happening. This makes him wiser, happy, and also sad. He is the only one who receives the memories, and this is to protect everyone else in his world from experiencing difference. The "Phantom Tollbooth" group is close to finishing. After that, we will begin reading the BFG with Miki, and Abby and Anna will begin "Oliver Twist" with Pat.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Steve, who has returned to teaching Science. He has been teaching us about what Science is. We've learned where we find science, why people study science, and which famous people have studied science.

Tomorrow, for our fieldtrip, we're going to Maquoketa Caves!!!! Whoo Hoo! Students should wear old clothes (because we're going to get muddy). They should bring old, comfortable, hiking shoes, a hat, water bottles, sack lunches, and dress in layers.

(Tuition is overdue....)

(Read-a-thon money is due on Monday. Please collect from your sponsors.)

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