

# Pat's Learning Adventure

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This wretched wet week we went on a tour of the wonderful New Pioneer Co-op which picked up our downward spiraling spirits. This fantastic food adventure was a tasty educational exploration. Theresa, the educational organizer was our tasteful tour guide. Tristan exclaimed, "This was a yummy fieldtrip." Indeed Terrific Theresa gave us a tasty treat at every turn of the tour. We learned that it is important to eat organic and locally grown food because it is better for YOU and the ENVIRONMENT. We found it very interesting to learn how we eat different parts of vegetables like the root, leaves, flowers and stalks. We were amazed at how many different departments and food products the co-op has. We want to thank Stand Back Steve, our super science teacher for setting up this tour.

As if that wasn't great enough, we had a soggy scavenger hunt in science class today. As raindrops dribbled down on us, we searched our beautiful yard for secret signs of nature. It was worth getting wet and we found all but a few items.

**Jazzy Jason Auer-Sears** graced us with his glorious knowledge of Chakras today. The second chakra, water, represents balance, opposites and emotions. We did elegant exercises, a tangling tug of war and had tea and cookies to top it off. We are now grounded and fluid.

We continue to read about the adventures of tricky Tom Sawyer. In the latest chapters, Tom and his friends ran away and became blood thirsty pirates only to return for their own funeral. We are reading furiously so we can finish and move on to Halloween Horror stories next week.

On our tours around town, we also have finished listening to The BFG. This silly, satifying story tells about a little orphan, Sophie, and a friendly giant and their adventures saving the world from massive monstrous giants. It was an exciting story. Now we have started a book called Coroline. This sort of haunting story is perfect for the Halloween season.

Kyler Paterson is having a blast of a birthday this Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-5:00 at Wasserbahn Waterpark. There will be pizza and cake. Hope to see you there to help Kyler turn eleven. We will be taking Kyler out to lunch on Thursday in honor of his birthday. We are also taking Luna for a special birthday treat.(We forgot last month). Kids are asked to bring \$.75 toward this birthday celebration.

IN HONOR OF AUTUMN, WE WROTE PERFECT PEACEFUL POEMS THIS WEEK AND ILLUSTRATED THEM WITH COLORFUL COLLAGE. THIS ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE IS THE FIRST OF MANY SUMPTUOUS POEMS. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ELLA'S:

I AM THE SKY  
BRIGHT BLUE AND ALWAYS THERE  
STRONG AND STEADY  
I CAN BE COUNTED ON  
HELPFUL AT HOME AND SCHOOL  
BUT SOMETIMES  
I AM A  
DARK GREY THUNDER HEAD  
READY TO BURST INTO STORM  
AT MY BROTHER  
WHEN HE DRAWS ON MY PICTURE  
OR  
A RAINCLOUD  
FILLED WITH TEARS  
WHEN I AM SAD.  
SOMETIMES I AM A RED SUSET  
MAGICAL AND MERRY  
WARM AND FRIENDLY  
I CAN ALSO BE BLACK NIGHT  
QUIET AND PEACEFUL

**Reminder:**

**There will be no school on Friday, October 19. Michele will be available to provide childcare for anyone interested (for an extra fee). There will be school on Monday, October 22.**

Signing off,

**Pat's Little Angels**

**(this was a group production)**