

Pat's Learning Annex

October 19, 2005

This wacky week we have been working hard horror stories. We went to the spooky cemetery and looked for possible names for our characters. Pat told us a story about her experience as an innocent child going to the creepy graveyard with her mean older brothers. They dared her to go into a mysterious mausoleum. When she went inside the bricks were broken down and the door had no knob, and was swept shut by the wild wind. Pat was crying and pounding on the door. Her whole body was chilled. Then she noticed a hole that she tried to crawl through. But her shoulders got stuck - something was holding onto her - pulling her in. She could hear a zombie sound. She finally got free, but didn't tell this story to her parents. And she never, ever went back to the graveyard.

To prepare for our horror stories we have been doing a lot of character and story webs to show and tell about who our characters are, and what are settings are like. We have been discussing what makes a good character, a good setting, and an exciting story. We also did free writes on our characters and settings. Today we will also be reading the "Raven."

In Math, we have been doing really difficult work, but we have managed to figure it out. There has been grouping in groups of ten. The older kids have been doing 2 digit division and patterns.

In Science we keep on checking on our mung beans. The ones that are blossoming we put plastic over and put them in the sun to grow. We are learning about how plants use water and sun to grow. If they get too much sunshine the water won't help them. If they get too much water the sun won't help them.

Last Friday we went to Parrisades and played in the sand and water, and went on a little hike. It was a nice warm day - not cold and not hot - just perfect. Most of the trees were already bare. And the sand was like silk - you could fall in it and sink.

Reminders: There's no school Thursday or Friday (but there is homework!)

Next Saturday is the Halloween Party!!!! And we raised over 1,000 dollars in our Read-A-Thon.