

# Pat's Laughing Aliens

## Newsletter, October 24, 2007

It is awesome October, season of witches and warlocks, goblins and ghouls, vampires and hags and cemeteries too. We traveled to the Cedar cemetery to write chilling, thrilling tales this witching week. Pat started with a favorite tale of her experience caught in a mausoleum which got us all in the mood for telling tales. Creeping and crawling through the cemetery made us excited to write our next spooky word. Our stories will be finished before Halloween eve. We also read frightful fiction and played dictionary to increase our vocabulary of ghostly, ghastly words. We are trying to use these words to color our creepy stories.

Stand back Steve outdid himself in science this week as pumpkins exploded and dry ice steamed, bubbled and smoked. He earned his title. We created potions and ghosts of fumes in our science lab using dry ice, bubbles and hot water. Dry ice makes regular water taste sparkly. Today we mixed chemicals inside our pumpkins and watched their faces explode and rocket out.

Yeah Yoga! This week we worked as teams to create exciting routines using the poses we have learned so far. As always it was a blast learning to stretch our bodies in new and different ways.

Ari and Clare are excited to announce that they are finally being taught what tan, sign and cosign mean. This puts them on a new level in the mathematical world. Meanwhile Ethan has mastered turning fractions into decimals and Megan, Kyler, Sarah and Patrick continue to forge through multiplication concepts. Ella, Tristan and Luna have been playing games trading units for tens and Max and Tiarnan have continued to develop their high level addition and subtraction skills. Soon they will start multiplication.

**WE ARE PLANNING A PERFECT PARTY AND HOPE YOU WILL COME.** This year we have decided to have a combination Halloween, Day of the Dead party on Thursday, November 1 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Annex. We will create a spook house and decorate an altar in honor of our favorite French teacher, Stephan Fox. Please come.

Time to go, we are late getting back. (as usual)

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