

P.L.A.

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This cold, awesome, gray week we are going to finish are Jacob and Ivy book, which is called "Into the Blue." We have begun our beautiful paintings of the animals that Jacob and Ivy meet in the sea. We are using watercolors. This week we also finished our amazing poem books. They are about the size of a hand, and we've put our poems and our illustrations of these poems inside.

Tuesday Gerrit, Clare, Ethan, and Sam, worked on the BFG, and how they would invite the 24 foot giant to dinner, what they would feed him, and how. They also shared dreams that they would like to receive from the BFG, and Sam's dream was so vivid, his classmates requested a sequel.

This week we've also done free writes. We are also entering our poems into different contests, hoping to get published!

Here's a poem that Sam and Ethan put together from poetry magnets:

*I see a sweet ship crushing a symphony of whisper cries
Running with drool, but powerful shakes blow back on the repulsive bitter sea
She screams a drunk chain of life at boil
as a white girl hid away into shadows of wind
Sordid gifts arrive onto to produce under road smooth like diamond blood of weak dreams
Fiddling floods
Raw delirious
Manipulated thousands of men and smear a void of worship on winter's enormous storm
We shine woman's love
Falling frantically
Luscious mist forest and heave hot bare chocolate*

This morning we decided who our secret partners are. Each person wrote down their name on a piece of paper and their favorite book that they would like. On Tuesday, who ever drew that person's name has to bring that book and card to that person for our party. Parents are welcome. This the last day of school before break. Today we also are going to lunch at Oasis, the restaurant with the cleanest grease in Iowa City.

Today we watched an amazing video of a kidney transplant. We saw the surgeon draw on the body, then cut it open, and take out a kidney to put in someone else. We watched this video because Miki is helping her dad by giving her kidney to him over Christmas. She will be back in February. We will write to her while she's gone.

Brought to you by: Megan the marvelous and Gerrit the Great

Announcements: The expenses for the van totaled \$450.00...if you're thinking of a gift for P.L.A, a donation to help with the cost would be appreciated.

(Donations to help cover her expenses while Miki is out of work, or the gift of frequent flyer miles so that a family member can fly to see her, while wishful, would be received with great gratitude).