



The Prairie Science Class

PSC Backtracks-10/2/06 (A weekly look back at the PSC)

What a great week for the Corps of Discovery V!

Monday 9/25-Agassiz Prairie and seed gathering. Wow what a wonderful day!

Tuesday and Wednesday- Seton Watching I and II

Thursday 9/28- Exploring 1 Meter Plots

Friday- Our 1st Expedition South! We discovered the size of our classroom!

The rest of Backtracks contains observations and discoveries made by the Corps of Discovery V during the week.

Observations: Seton, and Agassiz

"I observed something I think was great. The sky was water blue, the clouds were swimming in it!" (Seton Watch II)

"Near the horizon I discovered a gold and blue city of clouds."
(Expedition South I)

"I am staring at a grasshopper...still staring...then I find a spider in its web. I tossed a thing that looked like a tomato into it, The spider ran over to it. I guess it is really hungry." (Seton Watch I)

"Today the birds are singing like a choir." (Seton Watch I)

"Can we go back to Agassiz? It was fantastic!" (Friday Circle Question)

"I see lots of birds, they all call to each other. It is so beautiful. I think the birds and everything else go great together." (Seton Watch I)

Quatrains Written in the outdoor classroom:

Listening to the silent wind,
Watching clouds drift in the sky,
Listening to the geese that never end,
Singing their songs way up high. Krista

Beauty, wonder as far as the eye can see,
I just want to explore, for that must be.
Wind in my face,
This is a hike, not a race. Katie

One of the Corps of Discovery on the outdoor classroom: "I am sitting at Adams Pond. I hear ducks and geese and as I listen to them it calms me down. I finally realize that this is my classroom. I think about what will happen next." (It's learning!)
We wish you a great week!

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