

## **Upper Elementary Friends Epistle North Pacific Yearly Meeting, 2012**

To Friends everywhere from the Upper Elementary Group of NPYM 2012 at Pacific Lutheran University.

We have been enjoying the NPYM Annual Session. We went to the zoo for a field trip and saw all types of animals like walruses, otters, puffins, aardvarks and the almost extinct red wolves. Back at PLU, we observed bugs. One thing we thought was interesting was learning that bugs don't like the smell or feel of chalk.

In classes we learned about testimonies and one way to remember them. (SPICES) Quakers have testimonies instead of rules. We read an AFSC booklet about them and talked about what they meant to different people and then wrote our own book about the testimonies.

We had two visitors. One was Emma Condori, who talked about what it was like to be a friend in Bolivia. We also had a visit from Benigno Sanchez-Eppler, our Friend in Residence, who came in while we were doing an exercise in looking. He talked to us about not making assumptions while we look and about how listening can help us. We also compared photographs of rooms of different kids all over the world.

We also played a lot of games, such as different kinds of tag and a dream game. We told a lot of jokes and riddles and spent a lot of time outdoors.

Yours in Peace,

The 2012 Upper Elementary Group of North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.