

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade



"Be the change you want to see in the world."

--Mahatma Gandhi

October 24, 2011

We were so excited to welcome a new student, Hannah Hays this week!! Hannah comes to us from Battle Creek. She already knew some students from having attended Lincoln Elementary in years past. We are so happy to have her in our class!

The students had another great MEAP day! We ended the week with a new team building challenge from Mr. DeGraaf! The students have not completed it yet, but will try again.

We're still working on returning homework as a class! Thanks, once again, for your support in this area!

Ms. Frens

Reading

We are using an FQR chart in reading. This is how it helps me:

Friendship

We practiced team building with Mr. DeGraaf on Friday. One way to be an effective team member is:

Writing

This is one of **the essential questions** that I would like to know more about.

Spelling

Giving students a **practice spelling test** on Thursdays is very powerful. The focus this week is on oy and oi.

Social Studies: We ended the week by finding out about **scarcity** (when there is not enough to go around). One student made the connection to the **UNICEF** donations—heartwarming.

Math: Here is a quadrilateral. Please label it if it is a specific kind of quadrilateral.

We have been doing "**Fact in My Pocket**" to practice **doubles and neighbors**.

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Pumpkin Carving: This Thursday from 6:00-7:30 p.m., you are invited to bring a pumpkin and join us for some crazy pumpkin carving at school. We will provide the carving supplies and also the clean-up. What could be better?

Halloween Craft: Thank you for your donations toward the party craft for Halloween (a week away!!). We would continue to appreciate any of the following donations to construct a craft at the party: **cheap toilet paper rolls (with the paper, not just the empty roll)**, forest green pipe cleaners, green felt, quilt squares in orange or red patterns.

Website resources: The Dragonfly Diary Online has links to some resources for helping students practice math and spelling skills. Feel free to send me an email if you're having trouble viewing it.

Note: There are now **23 students** in our class as you plan for party treats, etc.

Monday, 10/24

- Spelling Pre-Test: Introduce 5 new words
- Spelling homework comes home
- Look for 2-3 Math homework pages this week
- Library books due

Tuesday, 10/25

- Spanish / Music

Wednesday, 10/26

- PE

Thursday, 10/27

- Spelling Homework due
- Art / Music
- Pumpkin Carving 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, 10/28

- Spelling Test: Lesson 7
- Retelling due
- PE