

# Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## November Birthdays

No student birthdays



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

--Mahatma Gandhi

October 31, 2011 Happy Halloween!!

This week we spent a lot of time talking about different kinds of lines and quadrilaterals. We hope to post a video on lines and shapes in the coming days.

We also became entrepreneurs and started a business. We researched the different kinds of resources we needed to make sure we were a success.

We did a lot of writing, both fiction and non-fiction. Check out the beginning of a collaborative story that we're writing with other third grade classes across the country over the internet.

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

*Ms. Frens*

### Reading

We're using non-fiction **text features** to give us clues to the text structure. Here is one feature that is very helpful:

### Writing

This is one way that I can be a good non-fiction **storyteller**:

### Spelling

Giving students a **practice spelling test** on Thursdays is very powerful. The focus this week is **frequent sound spellings for /s/: s, ss, ce, ci and cy.**

**Science:** We're moving on to **Earth Science!** We'll be looking at Earth's changes. Very exciting!

**Math:** The students will have a test on geometry this week. Some of them are really struggling with sorting the different kinds of **quadrilaterals**. Please take time to review these at home with the math matching game. Thanks!

Continue to work on basic facts as well!  
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### Friendship

At lunch time, I like to eat with:

My favorite lunch item is: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Holiday Book Exchange:** As we look forward to celebrating the holidays together, we were wondering if your family has an interest in participating in a book exchange. This is when students bring in a book that costs less than \$3.00 for another child in the room as a gift to be given at our holiday party in December.

There is absolutely no obligation to participate in the book exchange. A note will be coming home in which you can indicate if your family is able to contribute. This will be filled out anonymously, so no one will know who is able to do so or not.

The **Scholastic Book orders** offer wonderful savings on books. Book orders will be due **November 18, 2011**. Thank you for your consideration.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Due November 18  
**Checks:** Payable to **Scholastic.**  
**Cash:** Exact change.

\*\*\*Please make sure your child's name is on every paper order.\*\*\*

**Online:** @ [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) with Class  
**Activation Code:** FWV2G

## Monday, 10/31

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

## Tuesday, 11/1

- Spanish / Music

## Wednesday, 11/2

- PE

## Thursday, 11/3

- Spelling Homework due
- Math Test: Unit 2
- Art / Music

## Friday, 11/4

- Spelling Test: Lesson 8
- Retelling due
- PE