

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

November 14, 2011

We did it!! On Friday, all of the students completed their homework on the same day! Even though one person was absent, she turned in her homework before she left! We are very proud and celebrated with a long-awaited Oreo cookie! Thank you to everyone who has been faithful in helping students with homework.

Friday was also the day that we celebrated filling our marble reward container! We counted 125 marbles. Hunter guessed the amount to be 124, so he came closest to the actual amount. We want to give a very big thank you to our room reps, Mrs. Vereeke and Mrs. Ceithaml as well as Olivia's grandparents for helping to make our "indoor / outdoor picnic" a lot of fun with hot chocolate and gooey marshmallows!

Let's keep up the good work and continue to make homework a regular habit! Thanks again!

Ms. Frens

Reading

As a good reader, I synthesize when:

Writing

One way that I am learning to use paragraphs is:

Spelling: Giving students a **practice spelling test** on Thursdays is very powerful. The focus this week (once again) is **homophones: words that sound the same but are spelled differently**.

Science: Look for the **Earth Science Review** for the test on Friday—it came home last Friday. We covered volcanoes and earthquakes last week and will discuss **erosion** as well as **renewable and non-renewable resources** this week.

Math: Students are taking apart word problems to identify the unknown parts of a **Math Mountain**. The goal is to see how addition and subtraction are related: Take part and put together. In a math mountain, the _____ is at the top, and the 2 _____ are on the bottom.

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Friendship

This past week, this is one person I partnered with during work time:

Veteran's Day: We remembered **Veteran's Day**

by writing to some soldiers in my cousin's troop in Seattle, WA. My cousin, Ken Kamper, is a graduate of West Point and recently became a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. He is deploying briefly to Afghanistan. He mentioned that it means a lot to soldiers to receive letters periodically throughout the year, not just on major holidays. So we plan to send notes in the coming months as well. Ken is married with 2 children: Abigail in kindergarten and Nate in 4th grade. Let me know if you have family in the military that may be interested in receiving letters from 3rd graders. **Snack Time!** As I continue to acclimate myself to Lincoln Elementary, I am new to the revised recess schedule with a longer lunch recess, rather than a morning recess. I have decided to have a **brief snack break** at about 10 a.m. for students to have a healthful snack if they choose to refuel. If you think your child can benefit from this, please send a snack that they can eat in class that is relatively healthful and not too messy. We talked about fruit, veggies, cheese, nuts or crackers as possibilities.

Scholastic Book Order: Great opportunity to order a reasonably priced book for the **Holiday Gift Exchange** if your family would like to donate to this activity for the December party.

Congratulations to Cora for being a top reader in the library challenge!

Rewards Ceremony: We were proud of students who earned "dog tags" for responsibility.



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

--Mahatma Gandhi

Monday, 11/14

- Library
- Spelling homework goes home
- Evaluations due

Tuesday, 11/15

- Spanish
- Music
- Math homework due

Wednesday, 11/16

- PE

Thursday, 11/17

- Art / Music
- Spelling Homework due

Friday, 11/18

- PE
- Spelling Test: Lesson 9
- Earth Science Test
- Retelling due
- Scholastic Book Orders due