

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

December Birthdays and June ½ Birthdays

Jillian: 12/3 Ella: 6/6
Trenton K: 12/30 Scout: 6/19
Olivia: 12/31 Trenton L: 6/19



November 28, 2011

It was great to see so many families at conferences! I enjoyed sharing what we've been doing in class and hearing your perspective on your children. I trust Thanksgiving is a blessed time of nourishment and fun.

Our class was thrilled to be recognized for our Spirit Week poster that is displayed in the school lobby. We tied with Mrs. Inman's first grade class in a poster contest judged by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. VandenBeldt, but sponsored by Mrs. Behrens, our librarian. Stop by and check out the students' artwork: Christmas PJs. Our class received \$50 to spend on books for the classroom. We hope to share the books with the other two 3rd grade classes as we look for reading we can all enjoy.

Ms. Frens

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas program on Monday, December 5!

Reading

In small group, I read about:

Friendship

During recess, I like to:

Writing

When I wrote about volcanoes, I learned:

Spelling: Giving students a practice spelling test on Thursdays is very powerful. The focus this week is frequent spelling patterns for /j/: j, ge, gi and gy.

Science: We will begin a new unit on **Light and Sound** this week. There are lots of hands-on activities that we will be exploring. **Math:** Students continue to practice analyzing word problems to determine the operation (addition or subtraction) and also be able to explain how they reached their answer. The emphasis this week will be on multi-digit word problems.

Also for the past couple weeks, we have been working in **RTI (Response to Intervention)** groups in which students from other 3rd grade classes are all combined for targeted learning on addition partners. This week: 18!
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His Harvest Stand: On Tuesday, we will be walking to His Harvest Stand to deliver the proceeds from our Trail Mix business. If you are interested in donating other items for families in need (canned foods and gently used clothing), feel free to send them to school with your child on Monday and Tuesday. HHS is expecting us at 1:15 p.m.

Holiday Book Exchange: I received an overwhelming response to the inquiry about the book exchange for the Holiday party at the end of the month. If everyone who offered to purchase more than one book for another child in the room, did so, we would receive enough books for the class with a few extras, just in case. So if you are still interested, we would appreciate your contributions. If you could gift wrap the book and label it with a tag that indicates whether it is for a boy or girl, that would be great. You may begin sending those to school with your child at any time. We will place them beneath the tree until the party. Thank you for your generosity. **Dad's Day Off:** Look for more information about the class basket for the Lincoln fundraiser from our room reps, Mrs. Vereeke and Mrs. Ceithaml. During the holiday sale season, you may want to keep in mind donation items for our theme: Dad's Day Off (golf balls, car wash items, etc.). Other ideas?

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

--Mahatma Gandhi

Monday, 11/28

- Library
- Spelling and Math homework goes home
- Evaluations due

Tuesday, 11/29

- Spanish / Music
- Visit His Harvest Stand

Wednesday, 11/30

- PE

Thursday, 12/1

- Art / Music
- Christmas Program rehearsal (during school)
- Spelling Homework due

Friday, 12/2

- PE
- Spelling Test: Lesson 10
- Retelling due