

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

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Another fast paced week in third grade! We kicked it off with an amazing Halloween Party and Parade on Monday. Thanks to everyone who participated in making it festive and fun! Then on Tuesday we all took part in an all third grade assembly line putting together the trail mix that many of your donations made possible. On Wednesday we began selling the trail mix and then we sold out by Thursday. On Friday, we shot off a couple of homemade volcanoes as we began exploring how the ground beneath us is very active and full of surprises in our study of Earth Science. All week we battled pink eye, but hope the virus takes a vacation over this 4 day break.

Hooray for the extra hour of sleep this past weekend. We're still working on returning homework as a class! Thanks for your support!

Ms. Frens

Reading

This is my favorite way to make my thinking visible in my reader's notebook:

Friendship

My favorite part of the Halloween party was:

Writing

I have been working on this piece in my writer's notebook:

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

Science: The students went on a soil scavenger hunt. We discovered that the soil has different **horizons** or layers. This week it's on to **glaciers** and how Michigan was formed.

Math: The students really enjoyed writing, performing and directing **geometry raps**. They just started using xtramath.org, a site to practice basic facts. The videos and this link are posted on the website. Next we will begin a unit on addition and subtraction word problems.

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Third Grade goes into Business: The third graders' **trail mix business** capped off our economics unit in which we became the human capital, using the capital resources of the pretzels, popcorn, M&Ms, chocolate chips, marshmallows, raisins, goldfish crackers and baggies. We began selling the trail mix baggies on Wednesday for a quarter, with discounted non-chocolate trail mix baggies going for 15 cents (as we ran out of supplies). Many third graders spread the word about the delicious snack and it became a popular item as they gave the Snack Shack some stiff competition. The third graders raised **\$80.00** which they plan to donate to a local charity, **His Harvest Stand** (<http://www.hisharveststand.blogspot.com/>). His Harvest Stand assists low-income families in our community. We plan to walk the donation over and deliver it with the students. We would like to invite families who would be interested and able to donate cans of food or clothing that we can deliver along with the monetary gift.

Teach a Child to Save: On Monday, students really showed how much they value saving when we had a visit from Ms. Gibson and Ms. Sin from 5/3 Bank who presented on strategies for saving money.



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

--Mahatma Gandhi

Monday, 11/7

- Professional Development for teachers

Tuesday, 11/8

- Professional Development for teachers

Wednesday, 11/9

- PE
- Math homework goes home

Thursday, 11/10

- Spelling Homework due
- Art / Music

Friday, 11/11

- Spelling Test: Lesson 9
- Retelling and Math due
- PE