

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



December 12, 2011

We are excited to welcome a new student, Kaitlyn Xayasane, from New Groningen. Kaitlyn and I knew each other from when I taught technology there last year. This means our class is at an even 24 students now (for birthday / party planning). Our hope is to make her feel at home here at Lincoln as she joins us during a festive season.

Speaking of festive, it was great to see so many of you at the Christmas program last Monday. So beautiful! We're kicking off Spirit Week with Christmas PJs, the day that was the subject of our winning poster! What fun! Check our online calendar on the website if you lose your schedule of the days.

The rock for science is due on Wednesday, December 14th. The books for the Christmas Party are due on Monday, December 19th. The party is on Wednesday, December 21st at 1 p.m.

Thanks for all that you do!

Ms. Frens

Reading

This was one thing I learned from the biographies we read last week:

Friendship: Tell what you think about Michigan's new anti-bully bill:

Writing

As I finish my non-fiction writing piece, my goal is:

Spelling: Giving students a **practice spelling test** on Thursdays is very powerful. The focus this week is **compound words** (a combination of two or more words) and **suffixes** (letter or letters added to the end of a word).

Science: We have officially moved on to **Sound**, but will revisit **Light** again this week. The students are enjoying the hands on activities but are learning to use science words to describe process in their lab journals. **Math:** We have begun Unit 4: Properties of Quadrilaterals and Triangles. We introduced the unit by creating a symmetrical ornament for the classroom tree. Please continue to work on fact fluency with flashcards and / or Xtra Math at home. The **RTI (Response to Intervention)** focus this week: 15 and 14.

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Book Fair Update: We purchased various books including chapter books for our classroom from the \$50 poster prize: **June B. Jones, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Michigan Chillers, Dear America**, as well as some non-fiction books about **animal disguises** and a big hard-cover book about **disappearing animals**. I noticed that several of these books went into students' book boxes immediately. We were grateful for this opportunity to expand our classroom library. **Every Day Heroes newscast:** The students have been busy all week conducting interviews and taking a turn on a camera crew as they have been collecting information for our newscast. I have been proud of the stories I've heard from staff about the quality of the questions and how students were polite and gained confidence even as the interview progressed. Way to go! **Holiday Book Exchange:** Thank you to those of you who have already sent in books for the holiday gift exchange. Make sure they are **wrapped and tagged (To a Boy or To a Girl)**, but do **not** include the "from." If you are having trouble finding a book under \$3, let me know.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, 12/12

- Library
- Spelling homework goes home
- Evaluations due
- Mrs. Raterink visits
- Christmas PJs

Tuesday, 12/13

- Spanish / Music
- Ugly sweater or Crazy Hair

Wednesday, 12/14

- PE
- Christmas in July

Thursday, 12/15

- Art / Music
- Spelling Homework due
- Gift Wrap and Bow Day

Friday, 12/16

- PE
- Spelling Test: Lesson 12
- Retelling due
- Vision Testing
- Red (Boys) and Green (Girls) Day