

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

January Birthdays and July ½ Birthdays

Evelyn: 1/2

Jason: 7/12

Austin: 1/10

Beth: 7/26



January 23, 2012

The students have been very focused during ITBS testing and I have noticed they are doing their personal best. I am very proud of them and I'm sure you are too. The students earned another week without retelling homework due to their diligence during testing.

The students have taken quite an interest in the Michigan Indian Museum. They are problem solving how to construct Indian artifacts with materials we have available. They are also practicing good team work by working with people from other classes to come up with a viable product. One of the best applications for Social Studies is that the project is motivating students to research Michigan Indians to answer practical questions that arise in their discussions.

There is still time to send in \$3.50 for DeGraaf Nature Center. On the flip side, please contact me if you have questions. Best,

Ms. Frens

Reading

We need to work on providing **evidence from text** when we respond to reading. In My Brother Martin, ML said the following that showed that he believed everyone has the chance to make a difference when they see something that isn't right (injustice):

Writing

This is a sketch of a persuasive plan:

Spelling: The focus this week is on the suffixes (letter or letters added to the end of a word): -ing and -ed. Look for **Word Preview** and **Words to Learn** coming home on Tuesday.

Social Studies: Look for news about the opening of the Michigan Indian Museum.

Math: This week, we will begin lessons on graphing. The students will practice reading and constructing **pictographs** (uses pictures and symbols to represent data) and **bar graphs**.

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Friendship: My Michigan Indian

Museum group is making: _____.

Here are some people in my group:

ITBS: The Iowa Test of Basic Skills starts each morning at 9 a.m. Our last testing day is scheduled for Friday, January 27th. On Thursday, January 26th, after the DeGraaf Nature Center, we will be testing in the afternoon. Since the field trip is during our regularly scheduled specials time, Ms. Butler has graciously offered the students to have art in the afternoon instead of the morning. It will be a tight schedule on Thursday, but we'll make it work. **Theme Basket:** We have not received very many donations for the theme basket. Please send items for the Dad's Day Off Basket! Bottom line, the items do not have to be expensive: camping items, gift cards to bowling, movie stuff, snacks, \$\$\$ donations, etc. This is a fun opportunity, but time is running out. **Valentine's Day:** I will announce the chaperones in the next newsletter for our trip to the Heritage Nursing Care facility on the morning of February 14th. The selections will come from the names submitted for the DeGraaf trip. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest.

"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, 1/23

- Records Day:
No School

Tuesday, 1/24

- Spanish / Music
- ITBS

Wednesday, 1/25

- PE
- ITBS

Thursday, 1/26

- DeGraaf Nature Center
- Art
- ITBS
- Spelling Homework due

Friday, 1/27

- PE
- Spelling Test: Lesson 15
- NO Retelling due
- ITBS