

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

No February Birthdays

August ½ Birthdays

Kaitlyn: 8/12

Hunter: 8/14

Yaritza: 8/24



January 30, 2012

Thank you to those of you who were able to come out for the Michigan Indian Museum. The students were proud to show off their artifacts which required a fair bit of problem-solving and teamwork to complete. Up until 15 minutes before the museum opened, students were feverishly putting last minute details in place. Way to go! We also had the chance to try out some Indian games and learn more about the culture of the 3 Fires at the DeGraaf Nature Center.

We celebrated the Year of the Dragon this week as we stopped to recognize Asian New Year with some Korean cookies and soy candy. The students were able to try out chopsticks which are always a little tricky.

We are celebrating the end of ITBS this week with a healthy snack on Monday!
It will feel good to dive back into a regular schedule.

Ms. Frens

Reading

We read Pepita Talks Twice, and discovered that there are advantages and disadvantages to speaking more than one language. This was an example from the story to show how Pepita feels about speaking 2 languages:

Writing

This is a persuasive writing topic I'm interested in researching:

Spelling: The focus this week is on words spelled with ou (tough group). Look for **Word Preview** and **Words to Learn** coming home on Monday.

Social Studies: We continue our exploration of Michigan Indians by investigating how they used, modified and adapted resources to survive. **Math:** We wrap up our unit on rounding, money and graphs with **a test on Wednesday**. The review guide goes home on Monday with the students' work attached. Please review these skills with your child.

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Responsibility: The students are taking more responsibility for their classroom choices by keeping track of them on an **"expense report."** They receive credits and debits for choices they make.

▪ **Theme Basket:** We have received a few items for the theme basket. Thank you for the donations! Please continue to send items for Dad's Day Off Basket: camping items, gift cards to bowling, movie stuff, snacks, \$\$\$ donations, etc. We appreciate any part you can play.

▪ **Valentine's Day:** On the back is a class list with the names of other teachers if your child would like to get started on their Valentines. The chaperones for our trip to the Heritage Nursing Care facility on the morning of February 14th will be Beatrice Gonzales (Anibal), David Gries (Ella) and Sara Vereeke (Nathan). We are waiting on a few people to return their volunteer Bridge forms to the office before we can formally invite others on future field trips. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest. **February Book Orders:** They will be due on **Friday, February 24, 2012**.

▪ **Checks:** Payable to **Scholastic**. **Cash:** Exact change. **Online:** @ www.scholastic.com with Class Activation Code: **FWV2G** Your orders help us earn FREE books!! We LOVE books!

"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, 1/30

- Library

Tuesday, 1/31

- Spanish / Music

Wednesday, 2/1

- PE
- Math Test
Unit 5

Thursday, 2/2

- Art / Music
- Spelling
Homework due
- Happy Ground
Hog Day

Friday, 2/3

- PE
- Spelling Test:
Lesson 16
- Retelling due

Ms. Frens' Valentine's Lists

Name	
Alissa	girl
Hunter	boy
Jillian	girl
Olivia	girl
Austin	boy
Cora	girl
Jason	boy
Zach	boy
Ella	girl
Bethany	girl
Anibal	boy
Ellie	girl
Katie	girl
Trenton K	boy
Trenton L	boy
Evelyn	girl
Emmett	boy
Sydnee	girl
Scout	girl
Yaritza	girl
Nathan	boy
Tanner	boy
Kaitlyn	girl

Teacher	
Mrs. Behrens	library
Ms. Butler	art
Mr. Davelaar	PE
Mrs. Perna	music
Ms. Zomeraand	Spanish
Mr. VanDam	custodian
Mrs. VandenBeldt	secretary
Mrs. Johnson	secretary
Mr. DeGraaf	principal
Mrs. VandenBosch	lunch lady
Mrs. Hooker	reading
Mrs. Funk	English