

# Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## January Birthdays and July ½ Birthdays

Evelyn: 1/2

Jason: 7/12

Austin: 1/10

Beth: 7/26



January 5, 2012

Happy New Year! This Dragonfly Diary is coming out on a Thursday because there is so much going on! First of all, the sad news is that Hannah Hays has returned to live in Battle Creek. We will miss her, but wish her all the best. We hope to stay in contact with her by becoming pen pals with her class at Fremont Elementary. I am in contact with her teacher and we hope to work out the details. So a hearty best wishes to Hannah! We're back to 23 students.

It was so good to see the class again! I trust you are all rested and ready for a new year of learning. We wrote some new year's resolutions today and we've posted them on the wall to remind us of our goals and promises to each other.

Happy 2012!

*Ms. Frens*

### Reading

We read Teammates this week and learned about the power of being persuasive with our words and actions. This is a connection I made to the story:

### Writing

Here is one way I can revise my writing this week:

**Spelling:** We're taking a break from an official spelling test this week. However, we will be challenging each other to "making words" in which we look for all the words we can find within the letters of a larger "mystery word." We look for rhyming words, homophones, etc.

**Social Studies:** We are beginning a unit on Michigan history this week. Our first topic is **Michigan Indians:** past and present. **Math:** We began a new unit that covers **rounding (estimating)** and money. Here is one way that I can tell whether to round up or stay the same:

Round to the nearest 100: 351

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**Friendship:** Being back in school, we can see our friends again. Here is one thing I learned that one of my friends did over the holiday:

▪ **DeGraaf Nature Center:** We plan to go to the DeGraaf Nature Center on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** This is the first time that they are requesting students to cover the **\$3.50 fee**. If this is a concern for your family, please let me know because the goal is for every student to attend. Please send this to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name by **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, you must already have a completed Bridge volunteer form on file in the office. We can take 4 parents from each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. If more than that volunteer, there will be a "lottery" to determine who can come. However, your name will be the first on the list to attend future trips. Volunteers, please complete the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to school by **Friday, January 13, 2012**. **Book Orders:** They will be due on **Friday January 20, 2012**. **Checks:** Payable to **Scholastic**. **Cash:** Exact change. **Online:** @ [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) with Class Activation Code: **FWV2G** (This time, the orders should come to Lincoln!! ☺)

"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.

### Wednesday, 1/4

- PE

### Thursday, 1/5

- Art / Music

### Friday, 1/6

- PE
- 2 retellings due
- Math and Spelling (making words) homework due

**DeGraaf Nature Center**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am willing to help chaperone the field trip to  
DeGraaf Nature Center on **Thursday, January 26, 2012**. My son / daughter is

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Signature

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Date