

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

No February Birthdays

August ½ Birthdays

Kaitlyn: 8/12

Hunter: 8/14

Yaritza: 8/24



February 13, 2012

What a great week with the kick off of the "Move it" or walk program! The students got excited about walking at least a mile (5 laps around the school) per day. Check the *Lincoln Newsletter* if you're interested in joining us for a ½ hour walk on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays.

We've dived into division this week! The students have experienced quite a few "bing" light bulb moments as they realize that multiplication and division are inverse operations. They see the parallel to addition and subtraction with 3 number "fact families." The product of a multiplication problem becomes the dividend in a division problem. Olivia shared that she noticed that the multiplication sign (x) is similar to the addition sign (+) and the division sign (÷) is similar to the subtraction sign (-). Lots of great thinking!

Thanks for all of your homework and reading support!

Ms. Frens

Reading

In small groups this week, we practiced including **evidence from text** when retelling. Here is the topic of my text:

Writing

This week we worked on paragraphing which included **transitions**. Here are some words I can use to connect paragraphs:

Spelling: The focus this week is on **homophones** (words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings). Look for **Word Preview** and **Words to Learn** coming home on Monday.

Social Studies: We read about the first **European fur traders** to come to Michigan. We learned that they stumbled on Michigan by accident. We plan to write a reader's theater play about this.

Math: We discussed the **commutative property** ($3 \times 5 = 5 \times 3$) this week by looking at **arrays** (rows and columns). We also practiced **equal-shares drawings** to connect multiplication and division again.

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Friendship: Here is one reason that we like to visit people in nursing care facilities.

Theme Basket: Keep those great donations for "Dad's Day Off" coming! This will add up to an enticing basket at the auction! **Valentine's Day:** Our class would like to give a giant thank-you to Meg Mitchell (Emmett) for coming in on Friday to share her love of crafting with us as we made Valentines for the residents of the Heritage Nursing Care facility. We're looking forward to visiting them on Valentine's Day. We will walk there in the morning. Our party begins at 1:00 p.m. Another huge thank you to all the families who are making this party really special, including our room reps, Cyndi Ceithaml and Sara Vereeke. **Officer Rachel:** We had our second visit from Officer Rachel on Thursday. She gave the students some practical tips about always letting an adult know where you are, taking a buddy with you, being aware when you are walking on the streets, etc. This fit in with our visit from Mrs. B. who spoke to us about **Safe Touches** on Monday. Please continue this conversation by asking your child if s/he can name at least 3 adults they trust to talk to if they are uncomfortable with the touches from another person.

"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, 2/13

- Library
- Math and Spelling homework goes home

Tuesday, 2/14

- Spanish / Music
- Valentine's Day Party

Wednesday, 2/15

- PE

Thursday, 2/16

- Art / Music
- Spelling Homework due
- Spelling Test: Unit 18

Friday, 2/17

- Winter Break: No School!

Monday, 2/20

- Happy Presidents' Day: No School!

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