

Dragonfly Diary

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

No February Birthdays

August ½ Birthdays

Kaitlyn: 8/12

Hunter: 8/14

Yaritza: 8/24



February 21, 2012

What a fun short week with our Valentine's Day Party! Some students informally organized a dance and singing performance that we enjoyed at the party! Thank you, once again, to everyone who contributed to the delicious sundaes! What a treat!

The residents of the Heritage Nursing Care Facility welcomed us warmly when we visited them on Tuesday! We were able to do some fun activities that they provided as well as deliver cards that the students had made with Mrs. Mitchell. Then the residents, who were dressed in festive Valentine's colors, offered us a delicious heart-shaped rice krispy snack and a drink before we left with a small party favor. The students were really pampered while meeting some new friends.

This week we had a number of discussions about doing our personal best and building our stamina to stay focused during independent work time. We hope this break will renew some people's energy to use every moment wisely!

Ms. Frens

Reading

We read about a dolphin that lost its tail in Winter's Tail, then saw the movie, "Dolphin's Tail." This is the author's message:

Friendship: This was my favorite part about our Valentine's Day party.

Writing

In persuasive writing, it is very important to include details to convince your reader to change their thinking on a topic. Here is a detail about learning another language that I want to include in my persuasive piece this week:

Spelling: Unit 18 test is on Friday. The Words to Learn came home last week. The focus is still on homophones. No spelling homework this week. **Social Studies**: Most finished up their picture timelines this week and have begun to work on the fur traders' reader's theater. **Math**: We're noticing patterns in the multiplication and division of 0, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 9s. On Friday, we learned a handy trick to calculate the product for 9s. Ask your child to show you on their fingers.

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Theme Basket: The room reps are still looking for any donations you can offer for "Dad's Day Off" theme basket items! **February Book Orders**: They are 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! **Officer Rachel**: We had our last visit from Officer Rachel on Thursday. She left our class with lots to think about as well as a few mementos for being good listeners. **Move it**: The students are challenging themselves to try to walk a mile every day. I was not able to achieve that this week due to some make-up work that needed to be supervised in the classroom. However, it has been fantastic weather to get out and walk! Please feel free to join us when you can on **Tuesday, Wednesday and / or Thursday, 12:00-12:25 p.m.**

"We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." -Aristotle

Monday, 2/20

- No School! Presidents' Day!

Tuesday, 2/21

- Spanish / Music
- Due: Math 7-6
- Evaluations due

Wednesday, 2/22

- PE

Thursday, 2/23

- Art / Music

Friday, 2/24

- PE
- Spelling Test: Unit 18
- Scholastic Book Orders due