

Dragonfly Diary

March Birthdays

Zach: 3/1

Alissa: 3/9



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Snow Day! Is it possible at the end of February, almost March, to finally enjoy a snow day?! What a lovely surprise! However, we were extremely busy last week finishing up our persuasive writing on whether or not elementary school students should become bilingual. Students are taking a stand on this issue and have the option to send Dr. Barry a note with their thoughts. We're really working on paragraphing and revising.

Thank you for your help on the memoir writing! The snow day gave everybody the weekend to touch up their writing pieces. We will be reviewing those this week and peer editing them together. We are really looking forward to sharing them with interested readers.

Please continue to work on practicing the multiplication facts! We plan to take the Unit Test 7 on multiplication before report cards. Thanks for all of your homework support!

Ms. Frens

Reading

This week we worked on using context clues to figure out tricky words. Here are some strategies I can use to figure out a tricky word using the text around it:

Writing

How do you know when to start a new paragraph?

Spelling: Unit 19 test is on Thursday. The Word Preview should come home on Monday. The focus is on homophones again. **Social Studies:** The students are working in small groups to finish up their scripts for the fur traders' reader's theater. **Math:** This week we will finish up count-by 3s and introduce count-by 4s. We are working on reviewing these facts in class by using flashcards and playing review games. Here is a pattern we noticed about the multiples of 3:

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Friendship: This is how I keep my promise to my classmates when I work in small groups.

March Is Reading: This Thursday Mr. Boorsma and I will be reading at the Family Reading Night that begins at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln! We would love to see you there! **Theme Basket:** Can you think of more cool donations for the "Dad's Day Off" theme basket items? **Move it:** The students are earning lots of mile punches as well as toe tags and charms for their walking! Way to go! It feels so good to be out and about getting some fresh air in the middle of the day! **John Ball Park Zoo Visit:** On Thursday, a guest from the zoo will be coming to present to us. This should be a memorable experience. **Personal Best:** This week students worked on doing their personal best and received an enthusiastic smiley face from Ms. Butler for their active listening. We're still pushing ourselves to do quality work and turn it in on time.

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

Monday, 2/27

- Library

Tuesday, 2/28

- Spanish / Music

Wednesday, 2/29

- PE
- Math Due: 7-9

Thursday, 3/1

- Art / Music
- Visit from John Ball Zoo
- Spelling Homework Due
- Spelling Test: Unit 19
- Retelling Due
- Family Reading Night at Lincoln 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Friday, 3/2

- No School
- Records Day

Monday, 3/5

- No School! Conferences