

# Dragonfly Diary

## March Birthdays

Zach: 3/1

Alissa: 3/9



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As we approach report cards, the students and I have been doing some soul-searching about what it means to do our personal best. This week, the students will have the opportunity to evaluate themselves as a learner and also our classroom environment. I am giving them a teacher survey. I appreciate their thoughts on problem solving in our classroom. It's a valuable life skill.

We will be participating in "World Read Aloud Day" (WRAD) on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> by conducting a Skype interview with author, Leslie Bulion. Among other works, she wrote At the Sea Floor Café and Hey There, Stink Bug!, two non-fiction poetry books. We will be reading her poetry and thinking of questions to ask her when we speak. Read more about Ms. Bulion at: <http://www.lesliebulion.com/> I also posted a link to the WRAD on our website: Dragonfly Diary Online.

*Ms. Frens*

Thank you for helping your child learn the multiplication fast facts! Math Test: Wednesday!

### Reading

We code our text to track our thinking. Here are some codes I can use to make my thinking visible:

\_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

### Writing

We learned some proofreading marks that help me remember to revise. Here are 3 of them we learned:

1. ☐ = \_\_\_\_\_

2. ☐ = \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Spelling:** Unit 20 test is on Thursday. The focus is on when to double the letter when adding the suffix -ing. **Social**

**Studies:** Please review **use / modify / adapt** with your child as we will be taking a test on how the Michigan Indians and the Voyageurs responded to living in Michigan. **Math:** You should have received the study guide for the Unit 7 test. If your child is regularly reviewing their facts, they will be prepared.

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**Memoir Project:** The third part of our memoir project will be coming home this week. We are thrilled with some of the "finished pieces," but there is always room to consider revision. **Crowd**

**Sourcing!** As we prepare to publish our memoirs, if you would like to help your child publish his/her memoir to KidBlog, <http://kidblog.org>, your child knows how to log in:

**username:** Student ID + initials

**password:** birthday

**John Ball Park Zoo Visit:** Rhiannon, a zookeeper, came to give an introduction to the animal adaptation unit we will be doing later on this year. Ask your child about the 4 animals she brought along and the various adaptations we discussed.

**March Book Orders:** They will be due on **Friday, March 23, 2012.** **Checks:** Payable to **Scholastic.** **Cash:** Exact change. **Online:**

@ [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) with Class Activation Code: **FWV2G** Your orders help us earn FREE books!! We LOVE books! **Box Tops:** You should have received a form for collecting box tops last week. Please send in those Box Tops for Education as there is a contest going on right now!! **Theme**

**Basket:** Thank you for all of the donations to "Dad's Day Off!" Lincoln Fun Night is on **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Mark your calendars!

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

### Monday, 3/5

- Conferences

### Tuesday, 3/6

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due

### Wednesday, 3/7

- PE
- Math Test: Unit 7
- Social Studies Test: Michigan Indians and Voyageurs

### Thursday, 3/8

- Art / Music
- Family Reading Night 7:00-7:30 p.m.

### Friday, 3/9

- PE
- Spelling Test: Unit 20
- Popcorn Friday
- Report Cards go home
- Voyageur / Michigan Indian Trading Day

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### Sunday, 3/11

- Daylight Saving Time begins