

Dragonfly Diary

April Birthday

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Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

April 16, 2012

What a pleasant week! The students seemed to have really benefitted from the break, as they came back great listeners and prepared to do their personal best. I was so proud of them. By the end of the week, the good weather had gotten the best of some, but we are challenged to remain focused to the end!

Students seem to love studying Michigan history! Be sure to ask them about how Michigan got the nickname "The Wolverine State." They're growing as readers, by being reflective in small groups, identifying what doesn't work and problem solving as a team, sometimes with me as a guide. It is crucial for students to be reviewing multiplication and division facts (0-10) daily at home.

Thank you once again, for your support!!

Ms. Frens

Reading

We discussed how characters reveal themselves through what they do, say and feel in a memoir or story. This way we also look for evidence from text to support the author's message and theme. We read Boundless Grace by Mary Hoffman. The main character, Grace learned that:

Writing

We wrote a 5-sense color poem this week about blue. I'm writing my own about the color: _____

Spelling: The focus this week is on apostrophes: possessives and contractions (My friend's book / My friend's going to the library.). **Social Studies:** We're wrapping up our unit on MI statehood. **Math:** Please review the connections between multiplication and division with your child. We took apart and wrote array, repeated groups and area problems for multiplication and division.

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XtraMath: Congratulations to Jason, the first person to pass Subtraction!! Way to go! Who will be next? **Evacuation**

Drill: We practiced a "Code Blue" evacuation drill on Monday, in which we walked to Cityside Middle in case of an internal threat at Lincoln. The students did very well following directions, staying together and setting an example to 1st graders as we walked.

Skating Party!: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm

because it's the 3rd-5th grade roller skating party at Family Roller Rink for Lincoln students. **Book Fair:**

Wednesday, April 25 from 3:10-3:40 pm, our class will be going to the book fair. There is no obligation to send money, but the books are reasonably priced. **Writing Day:** Lincoln has a tradition of an all-school writing day in May. Students will select a writing selection to publish and share with other classes. **April Book Orders:** Once again, this is our FINAL book order of the year! Orders will be due on **Friday, April 27, 2012. Checks:** Payable to

Scholastic. Cash: Exact change. **Online:**

Class Activation Code: **FWV2G**

"Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them." –Leo Tolstoy

Monday, 4/16

- Library
- Brenda Raterink visits us again

Tuesday, 4/17

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due

Wednesday, 4/18

- PE

Thursday, 4/19

- Art / Music
- Spelling Due
- Math Test: Unit 9

Friday, 4/20

- PE
- Retelling due
- Spelling Test: Unit 24