

# Dragonfly Diary

April Birthday

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April 9, 2012

I hope this newsletter finds you having enjoyed a relaxing spring break! We had a lovely time in Lansing! Our class split into 2 groups in order to accommodate the numbers. I was very proud of the students making great choices while touring the museum and the Capitol Building. One parent observed at the museum, while the docent was asking the children questions, that the students had really learned a lot about the fur traders and the relationship between the Michigan tribes and the Europeans settlers. The first group to go to the Capitol, with Mrs. Berghorst, saw the congress in session and were acknowledged on the floor. By the time that our group, with Mrs. Dykhuizen, arrived, the lawmakers were taking a lunch break, but we still enjoyed various aspects of visiting our State Capitol.

The Thursday before break, students enjoyed a delicious sundae based on toppings they had earned! Keep practicing those facts!

*Ms. Frens*

## Reading

This week, we will begin Lit Circles on a book of my choosing. This is the book I chose:

## Writing

Writers who write amazing middles use these strategies:

**Spelling:** The focus this week is on pronoun homophones (its / it's). Look for **Word Preview** and **Words to Learn** coming home on Monday. **Social**

**Studies:** We've arrived at the settling of Michigan. Students will learn about the many steps that occurred before Michigan could become a state. **Math:** More multiplication fact practice with an emphasis on 6, 7 and 8s.

**Below the Equator:** Last week, I let the students know that I will be teaching in *Jakarta, Indonesia* starting in the fall. I will miss Lincoln Elementary, but am honored to have had the opportunity to teach your child this year.

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**Walk Program:** Congratulations to

**Tanner** for walking **27 miles**! His name was accidentally left out of the Newsletter acknowledging his amazing feat! **Multiplication Fact Fluency:**

Congratulations to Jason, Alissa, Nathan and Katie for completing **all** of their facts 0-10 with 100% accuracy scores!!

Way to go! **XtraMath:** Our goal is for students to move on to multiplication and division. Congratulations to the following people have received their addition certificates—The list is growing:

- Jason
- Jillian
- Alissa
- Tanner
- Cora
- Trenton K
- Katie

**KidBlog:** Check out the memoirs:

**<http://kidblog.org> April Book Orders:**

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**

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

**Monday, 4/9**

- Library

**Tuesday, 4/10**

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due

**Wednesday, 4/11**

- PE

**Thursday, 4/12**

- Art / Music

**Friday, 4/13**

- PE
- Spelling Text: Unit 23