

# Dragonfly Diary

May Birthdays

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It was fun to see many of you on Friday for the Field Day picnic! The weather was perfect and it was great to get a big dose of vitamin D from the sun. As we wrap up the year, we are going to be covering several final goals in a very short time so please encourage students to remain diligent. We have enjoyed the hands-on learning of the Changes in Motion unit which we covered in several experiments this week. Ask your child about mass, force, and friction, as well as what variables we changed to come to conclusions about the way things move. Notice the change in the Science Test from Tuesday to Friday to give students more time to reflect on the investigations.

Upcoming, we will be covering Government / Civics; and in math, Time and 3D Shapes. Students will be taking their final writing assessment on Narrative Text this week as well. Whew!! Thank you for your support!

*Ms. Frens*

## Reading

We Skyped with the author of Traders in Time, Janie Panagopoulos, and found out that she started writing seriously in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Here's why:

## Writing

The best part about Writing Day was:

**Spelling:** The focus is on irregular verb forms (stopped, pictured, knew, made, heard, found, brought . . . ). **Science:** Look for the Study Guide to the "Changes in Motion" test coming home this week. **Math:** After the fractions test, we are launching a unit on telling Time. Please work with your child to be able to tell time to the hour (half past, quarter to and after, 20 minutes after is also 40 minutes to the next hour, etc.). This can be woven into every day conversation.

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**Field Day:** My favorite event during field day was:

## Volunteer Ice cream Social:

Volunteers are invited to an ice cream social on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary. Our school wouldn't be the same without!! Thanks so much!!

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Our **NEW online** Class Activation Code is

**J96XH XtraMath:** Many of you have inquired about XtraMath for the summer. Even if you didn't select the online option for the Summer Stretch program, I will be keeping the students' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade accounts open so they can continue to practice without having to start over this summer. **Kidblog:** I will also keep Kidblog open this summer so students can continue to post their writing and respond to each others' texts.



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

## Monday, 5/14

- Library
- Volunteer Ice Cream Social  
6:30-7:15 p.m.

## Tuesday, 5/15

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due
- Math Test:  
Unit 11

## Wednesday, 5/16

- PE

## Thursday, 5/17

- Art / Music

## Friday, 5/18

- PE
- Spelling Test:  
Unit 28
- Science Test:  
Changes in Motion