

Dragonfly Diary

May Birthdays

Emmett: 5/12



Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

May 21, 2012

Congratulations to Emmett Mitchell for completing the 0-10 multiplication speed tests in under a minute. Way to go !! We continue to work on multiplication and division. I noticed some people still need more practice with dividing with remainders. We will keep this skill sharp with morning work.

Students worked hard on their narrative writing pieces this week. An area of continued growth is paragraphing. If your child writes stories or keeps a journal this summer, reinforce the importance of paragraphs for organizing ideas and keeping the reader interested.

This week, we had the chance to "fishbowl" the lit circles and listen in on students as they discussed. We noticed that lots of students raised interesting questions and debates. Our class is full of thinkers. Thank you for your support!

Ms. Frens

Reading

Here is one strategy I noticed other lit circles were using that helped them dig deeper into the text by raising questions that they answered by persuading others of their thinking:

Writing

One of the reasons that you start a new paragraph is:

Spelling: The focus is on consonant blends (bright, planet, tree, etc.).

Social Studies: This week we will begin to explore the role of government, including the 3 branches: executive, legislative and judicial. **Math:** Students have been working on calculating elapsed time for clocks and calendars. Continue to apply this skill by asking your child start and end times for daily and weekly events.

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Memories: The best / worst part of the week was:

Class Elections: This week we will be electing class officers: a governor and two representatives. We are excited to launch the government unit with an application to classroom issues. Thanks for helping students understand the importance of representative government. It is truly both a right and a privilege that needs to be maintained.

Pizza Party: The third grade is planning a pizza party for Monday, June 4th. Voluntary sign-up sheets came home for people who are interested in contributing to the party. There is no obligation! This is a celebration of a year of hard work!!

Memoirs of Third Graders: You received a book order form on Friday to reserve a copy of our published book. Please return that by Tuesday, if interested.

Edmodo: Our class signed up for this educational social media tool. Let me know if you have questions.

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

Monday, 5/21

- Library
- Nominations for Class Governor due

Tuesday, 5/22

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due
- Memoir book order forms due

Wednesday, 5/23

- PE

Thursday, 5/24

- Art / Music
- Spelling Homework Due
- Math Test: Time Unit 10

Friday, 5/25

- PE
- Spelling Test: Unit 29