

Dragonfly Diary

May Birthdays

Emmett: 5/12

Ms. Frens, Lincoln 3rd Grade

May 7, 2012

Wow, I'm writing this newsletter surrounded by flowers and gifts from students and their families. Thank you so much for the amazing Teacher Appreciation gifts and especially for all that you've done to help your child succeed. It brings a tear to my eye to think of the talent that each student contributes to school each day. It has been such a blessing being your child's teacher and working at Lincoln this year.

More math celebrations! Special acknowledgement to Cora for being left out in the last note!! Congratulations to Beth for joining Cora, Ellie, Tanner, Jillian, Evelyn, Trenton L, Hunter, Alissa, Jason, Katie and Nathan in knowing their 0-10 fast facts. On XtraMath, Alissa completed subtraction!! Way to go! I plan to keep the students' Xtra Math accounts open this summer so they can continue with their progress without having to start over. Thank you for your support!

Ms. Frens

Reading

We learned in Boxes for Katje that after WWII, children in Holland and America wrote letters to get to know each other. This connects with Tulip Time because:

Writing

I shared a writing piece with a buddy from another class. Here's one way my thinking changed about what I wrote:

Spelling: The focus is on different ways to spell the [k] sound (Christmas, kite, cat, plaque, stack). **Science:** We will be devoting a lot of time to Force and Motion experiments this week. **Math:** Students are getting a handle on fractions, but need more practice with **equivalent fractions**. Remind them that fractions are equivalent if both the numerator and denominator are multiplied or divided by the SAME number. Adding and subtracting with LIKE denominators only will be on the test. jfrens@zps.org 748-3350 x2602
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Tulip Time: This week, Wednesday and

Thursday, May 9 and 10, will be **half days** for the local Tulip Time Festival.

Students are finishing up their Bare Books to share. What a celebration!

Summer Stretch: Be sure to send in your choice for the summer learning opportunity by Tuesday, May 8. **Field**

Day: Make sure your child is wearing clothes suitable for outdoor activities on Friday. This is a fun day for team building and simply being outside, weather permitting. **Volunteer Ice**

cream Social: We want to thank **Meg Mitchell** for helping us make Valentine's Day cards for the seniors at the Heritage

Nursing Care Facility. The students reminded me that I left her name off the last newsletter. We appreciate you, Meg! Volunteers are invited to an ice cream social on Monday, May 14th at

6:30 p.m. **Scholastic Book Orders:**

Laura Heneveld noticed Scholastic offered triple the savings on a popular book series compared to a local bookstore! Now that we've worked out the snafus with customer service, our

NEW online Class Activation Code is **J96XH**



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

Monday, 5/7

- Library

Tuesday, 5/8

- Spanish / Music
- Evaluations due
- Summer Stretch options due

Wednesday, 5/9

- Tulip time ½ Day
- Writing Day Celebration

Thursday, 5/10

- Tulip time ½ Day

Friday, 5/11

- PE
- No Retelling Due
- Field Day in the afternoon