

FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #32

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

April 16 - 20, 2012

Have a happy and safe Spring Break with your family and friends.

What is going on in:

Reading? We are spending our next few weeks in **Asia**. We'll be reading *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Eleanor Coerr. The novel is short, but the content is heavy. We will be doing significant preparation before reading this story. Our literature study using folk tales, fairy tales, poetry, and non-fiction will continue this week after Spring Break.

Note: Our **next book report** is due Thursday, April 19th. Students will be writing to the author or their books. It is important that the guidelines of the assignment are read carefully. Letters will be mailed as soon as they are graded. How fun it will be as authors start to respond!

Math? In math this week we will be working in Unit 9. We will be practicing **multiplication**, specifically we will be doing activities to help understand the concept of sharing money and making change and we will be learning a wild method of multiplication called "Lattice Multiplication".

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Science? Our current unit is all about **Living Things and how they adapt to their environment in order to survive and reproduce**. We'll be continuing our discussion of how animals and plants survive in nature and putting our findings into a formal outline format.

Social Studies? Our current unit is **Economics**. After break we will be preparing for our unit test in economics. The students will receive a study guide early in the week of April 16th and the test is currently planned for the 24th. If the class earns an average of 90% or higher, they will have earned the opportunity to have Business Plan Kits available to them. This could change the way Business Time looks to us all. Study hard, kids!

Foundations?

Unit: Unit Eleven, week two

- ❖ **Concept:** **contractions (am and are)**
- ❖ **Words of the week:** **we're and I'm**
- ❖ **Trick words:** **early and work**
- ❖ **Sound-Alikes:** **there/their/they're**
- ❖ **Cursive letters:** **Review alphabet upper and lower cases.**

The Grammar Lady Says:

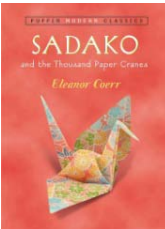
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3 different words!



Star of the Week: Each week we celebrate one classmate from Room 205. We will be writing our star a letter and the star will have a chance to share special information and artifacts with us each Friday. Parents and important grown-ups are always invited to join in the celebration of your star and you are encouraged to write a letter to your special star as well. It is always a special time of the week.

Our Star for the week of April 16th is **CDC**. We look forward to learning more about you!

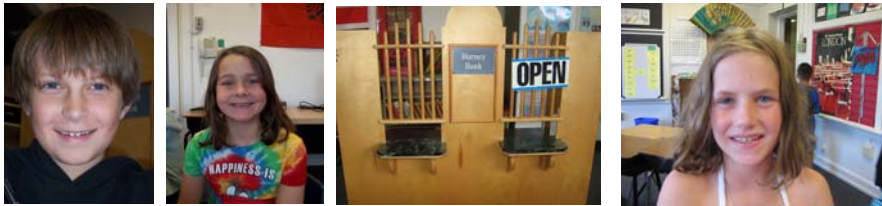


Other important information?

- ❖ Our guest reader is **Mr. Farling**. He'll be here on Thursday, April 19th, from 1:40– 2:00. We can't wait!
- ❖ Reminder, students need to be completing one math and one reading session per week on **Study Island**. The **SuccessMaker** link on our site has been fixed and students may access this as well. All logins, usernames, and passwords are taped inside student planbook covers. Both sites can be accessed from our classroom site.
- ❖ Thank you, **PTA** and **Mrs. Corrigan**, for organizing a visit from the Natural History Museum. We had the privilege of meeting several real-live animals from this region and learned about their adaptations for survival.
- ❖ Thank you, **parents**, for a fun and yummy celebration of Australia and New Zealand.
- ❖ Congratulations to the many soccer players of Room 205 who did so well in the Ice Breaker Tournament last weekend!



- ❖ Congratulations, Kensington, for raising over \$4,000 for the **Pennies for Patients** program. Our classroom alone raised over \$500.00! So many children with cancer will benefit from our school's generosity.
- ❖ Congratulations to our new April bank officers, **JH, MP, and MP**



- ❖ Thank you to our classroom financial advisors, **EK and CW**, for their extra work during tax season. How fortunate our class is to have such responsible professionals helping with accounting needs.



Important Dates?

- April 16 School resumes
- April 17 Spring pictures
- April 17 Pizza Day
- April 19 Goldwood Transition Night (intended for parents of 2nd grade students)
- April 19 Earth Day
- April 24 District Art Show opens at the Middle School (will run through May 8)
- April 25 Secretaries' Day
- April 26 Last day of afterschool tutoring
- April 27 Room 205 taxes due

May 1 Ohio Achievement Assessment for Reading (third grade)

May 2 Ohio Achievement Assessment for Math (third grade)

Our special class schedule:

- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs. Budd
- ✓ Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall
- ✓ Wednesday = art with Mrs. Coughlin (<http://thinkcreateart.blogspot.com>)
- ✓ Thursday = book exchange with Mrs. Cipriani
- ✓ Friday = fitness with Mr. Shreve (Please bring or wear sneakers)

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Rocky River's web site = www.rrcs.org click on *Kensington*, *teacher web pages*, and then *Mrs. Wilhelmy* to view our class's page.

