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The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #31

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

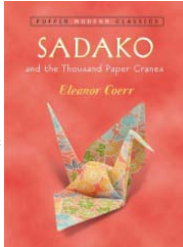
April 2 - 6, 2012



What is going on in:

Reading? We are finishing our journey to Australia and New Zealand. We'll be finishing the language activity packet that goes with the novel *Nim's Island*, by Wendy Carr, this week.

Note: Our next continent will be **Asia**. We will 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.



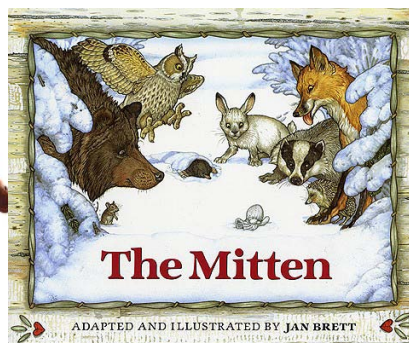
Note: Our **next book report** due April 19th Students will be writing to the author or their books. It is important that the guidelines of the assignment are read carefully before the book is begun.

Math? In math this week we will be working in Unit 9. We will be on **multiplication**, specifically the partial products algorithm and the traditional method for multiplying two and three digit multipliers. We will also be looking at factors of whole numbers and application of our new skills.

Opportunity: Your classmate, ET, brought a website to our attention (ixl.com). Show that you spent at least 15 minutes on this site and bring in either a note from home or a printout of the final screen of your session. No need to join or buy a membership.

Science? Our current unit is all about **Living Things and how they adapt to their environment in order to survive and reproduce**.

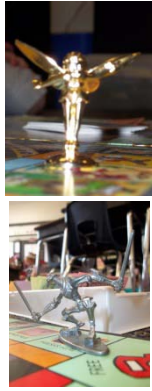
We'll be discussing hibernation, migration, and mimicry as ways animals may adapt through their behavior in order to survive in the wild.



Social Studies? Our current unit is **Economics**. Thanks to the generous loans from 205 families, we were able to play Monopoly last week. We used our knowledge of economic terms, understanding of counting money and change, and following the Secret in order to have a great time.

Thank you all for making this activity possible!





Foundations? Note: The week before Spring Break, we will be reviewing Foundations concepts. The information below may help you to review at home.

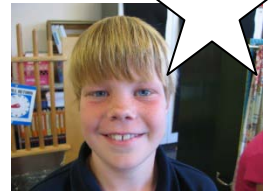
Unit: Unit Eleven, week one

- ❖ *Concept:* **contractions**
- ❖ *Words of the week:* **won't and can't**
- ❖ *Trick words:* **early and work**
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes:* **it's/its**
- ❖ *Cursive letters:* **Capital Q and X**



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 March 26th is **CDC**. We look forward to learning more about you!



Other important information?

- ❖ Our guest reader is **Mrs. Tang**. She'll be here on Thursday, April 5th, 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.
- ❖ Congratulations, **JJ**, on your **Over and Above**. Mrs. B offers snacks to students who do not have them during worktime. JJ noticed that she had run out and brought in a large container of pretzels for her to use with her students. If you share what you have, and put others before you, you will find happiness. **JJ** shared and put others before himself. Congratulations!
- ❖ Congratulations, **OZ**, on your **Over and Above!** A child in an after-school program needed a desk and chair. You gave yours up and offered it to her so she would not be upset. You put someone else before yourself. Congratulations!
- ❖ Please review your child's **report card**. Please return the envelope and the comment card. You may keep the Report card itself and all other papers in the envelope are for your files as well.



Important Dates?

March 30 3rd quarter Report Cards go home

April 3 Fun Lunch

April 6 Start of Spring Break

April 16 School resumes

April 17 Spring pictures

Our special class schedule:

- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs. Budd
- ✓ Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfaff
- ✓ 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)

Mrs. Wilhelmy's email = wilhelmy.amy@rrcs.org

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

