

FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #15
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class
December 10 - 14, 2012

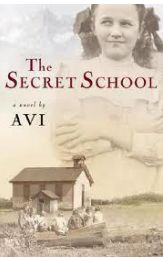
Thanks, Mrs. Lazzaro, for introducing us to William Bentley and his amazing snowflake photos!

What is going on in:

Reading: We have finished our novel, *The Secret School* and have begun our written work in the Language Activity Packet. The sections will be assigned one-by-one and the entire packet will be due on Dec 12 for a final grade.

Our first book report is due on December 19th.

Next we will be traveling down under! Our trip to Australia and New Zealand will begin with a study of literature and then move to our novel, *Nim's Island*, by Wendy Orr. Alert! The movie and book are significantly different. If you have not seen the movie, don't see it yet. Hold off until we finish the story and then we will compare. If you did watch the movie already, no worries.



Math? Multiplication! Students should be practicing facts once a day. Our Unit 4 test will be on Wednesday, the 12th. The study sheet will go home on Monday. Practice, practice, practice!

Science: Earth's resources are limited. Contamination, pollution, human error, and overuse can all be reasons for this. We discussed the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill in class this week. Kids, can you find other evidence of resources being overused or being dangerous to our earth? Check out the link on our web page to see a Time Magazine video on the oil spill. Alarming!



AP File/U.S. Coast Guard

Social Studies We will be investigating our government for the next few weeks. We will start by looking at our Federal government and then seeing how that has influenced the design of our local system.

Check out the link to a video on our web page called "Too Late to Apologize". Great introduction to our government/US history unit!



Fundations

Unit: Unit six, week three

- ❖ *Concept: Open Syllable with schwa*
- ❖ *Words of the week: hesitate and obedient*
- ❖ *Trick words: country and answer*
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes oh, owe*
- ❖ *Cursive letters: lower case letters practice*



Ask your child what Nsync and Fundations have in common!

Guest Reader: Our guest reader for this week will be **Mrs. Joyce**. She will be with us from 9:10 – 9:30 December 13th.

Star of the Week: Each week one of our classmates is chosen to be our Star. Our Star will have a chance to share information and treasures with us to help us get to know him or her better. We will share kind words with our star so he or she knows how much we care. Congratulations to this week's star. NS!



Other important information?

- ❖ **Kensington Spelling Bee:** Each third grade classroom will be sending two spellers to the grade level round based on a 20 word spelling list that we took this week. The grade level round will take place on the 14th of December. Congratulations to **NU and AC** for earning the top two scores in our classroom. They will now move on to round two on December 14th. We think you are G R E A T!



- ❖ **SuccessMaker:** There is a parent guide document coming home in the Friday Folder this week. This should help solve some issues you may be having with the program at home. Please let me know if the problems continue. Your child should be making an attempt to do a minimum of one reading, one math session per week.
- ❖ Do you know who these men are and what made them special, besides their baseball talents?



Important Dates?

- Dec 11 Pizza Day
- Dec 11 Auditions for MC of talent show
- Dec 14 Grade Level Spelling Bee (Go Adam and Nick!!)
- Dec 18 Mrs. W at all day meeting
- Dec 19 New due date for book report
- Dec 21 First Day of Winter Break (return Jan 2)
- Jan 2 Return to have fun at Kensington
- Jan 7 3rd Grade auditions for Talent Show

Our special class schedule:

- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs. Budd
- ✓ Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall
- ✓ Wednesday = art with Mrs. Braddock
- ✓ Thursday = book exchange with Mrs. Cipriani
- ✓ Friday = fitness with Mr. Shreve

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