



I love Lucy and Economics!  
Kids, can you explain how this video demonstrates the concepts of specialization, assembly line, and division of labor?



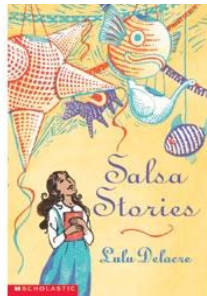
## FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #23  
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class  
February 18-22, 2013

*What is going on in:*  
Reading

Book Report information: Our new book report will not be handed in to the Hand-In Box! Your child will be reading a non-fiction book (plus any additional sources) about a location he/she would like to visit. He/she will create a postcard, illustrate it, address it, stamp it, and mail it directly to my home. The card will include 5 facts about the location and will be written in first person. Oh, the places you'll go!  
Books needed to be approved by Feb 8.

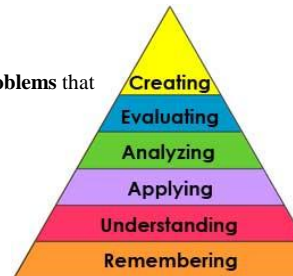
We are now studying **South America** and are reading *Salsa Stories* by Lulu Delacre. So far we have been to a New Year's party and have watched an *alfombra* being created.



Check this out online. The colors are stunning!

We will continue to be working on our third writing style this week, **Argument writing**. The kids will be asked to state an opinion, defend it 3-4 times and then give a counter argument and rebuttal. We will practice this lawyerly style all quarter. Look out for third graders ready to convince you of all sorts of things!

Math? In Unit 7 we will be noticing **patterns in multiplication and division** and then using the facts to **solve more complicated problems** that require higher level thinking. Ask your children about where they are "Hanging out on the Bloom's Triangle!"



Science In our second chapter of the Living Things Unit, we will be learning more about plants and animals. This week will show how plants and animals have physical features that help them survive in their environment. Think about why the feet of an elephant and a tiger are different.



Social Studies. We are continuing our unit on **Economics** this week. We will be using the McDonald's Corporation to help us make sense of the vocabulary and concepts of this collection of learning targets. This week we will be investigating the concept of **opportunity cost**. What do you have to give up in order to get what you want most?



Foundations

Unit: **Unit nine, week two**

- ❖ *Concept: r-controlled vowels*
- ❖ *Words of the week: solar and worthwhile*
- ❖ *Trick words: America and learn*
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes berry/bury*
- ❖ *Cursive letters: Upper case N and M*

Guest Reader: Our guest reader for this week will be **Mrs. Courtwright**. She will be here from 9:15 – 9:30 on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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. AC! Because of President's Day, we will celebrate AC on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Other important information?



- ❖ **SuccessMaker:** Your child should be making an attempt to do a minimum of one reading, one math session per week.
- ❖ Parents, thank you for another amazing party. The birds of Rocky River will be so excited!
- ❖ Your children have gone through over **160 Band-Aids** this school year. If you happen to have any extras you are willing to donate to children prone to paper cuts, we would be grateful. (Thank you, Nieman family!)

Important Dates?

Feb 18 No school – Presidents Day

Feb 19 Fun Lunch

Feb 26 Pizza Day

Feb 17 – 23 RR Community Coalition 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Game Week (*Note: All Family Game Night Opportunities will be worth 200 BCs during this city-wide celebration of family time.*)

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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