



# FRIDGE FACTS

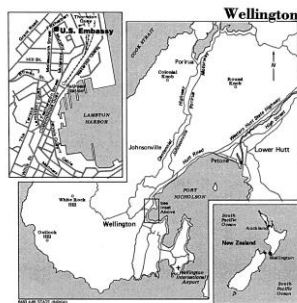
The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #17  
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class  
January 2 – 4, 2013

*What is going on in:*  
Reading

**Our second book report will be assigned after break. If you would like to start reading a chapter book at or above third grade level, you may. Kids, your first reports were fantastic!!!**

We are 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.

Thank you to Jane's Uncle John and cousin Grace, for Skyping with us on Wednesday. We spoke to them on the computer across the planet to Wellington, New Zealand! The view from their home was similar to this photo!



Math? Unit 5 will be a study of very big and very small numbers. We will be learning about the significance of the decimal point.

Science: We will be looking at how we are working to conserve energy and resources in our city and in our school. How are you conserving energy at home and at school?

*Opportunity: Write a paragraph about how you are conserving energy in your life.*



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.

Foundations We will be reviewing and practicing Foundations concepts this short week. Kids will be bringing home a notebook over break to help review over the holiday.

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*

Guest Reader: Our guest reader for this week will be **Mrs. Vannucci**. She will be with us from 9:10 – 9:30 on January 3rd.

(You will find a hint about the guest's visit in this issue of Fridge Facts)

**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, DE! Because of break, we will celebrate DE on January 11<sup>th</sup>.



Other important information?

- ❖ **SuccessMaker:** Your child should be making an attempt to do a minimum of one reading, one math session per week. This would be a great way to keep sharp over break!  
Congratulations to HN, on your Over and Above. HN went out of her way to help a classmate avoid embarrassment. Thank you for looking out for a friend, HN!



- ❖ We have started a **Lego Photo Gallery** in Room 205. Have you made the most amazing creation, building, city, animal, other cool thing out of Legos? Take a photo and bring in the print. We will hang in our gallery. We can put some in Fridge Facts (you may email these to me). We cannot print in color here at Kensington so if you'd like the full-color image posted in our gallery you'll need to print it out on your own.



- ❖ Do you know who these men are and what made them special, besides their baseball talents?



Sneak peek to upcoming event at Kensington!

Important Dates?

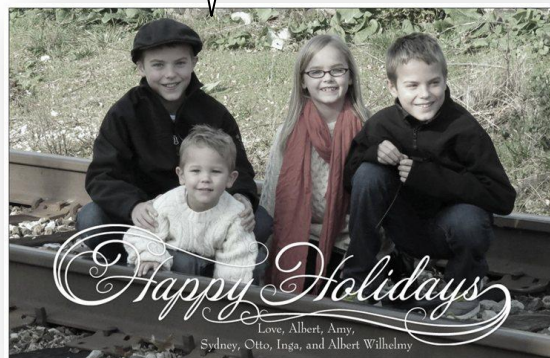
Dec 21 First Day of Winter Break (return Jan 2)  
Jan 2 Return to have fun at Kensington  
Jan 4 Mrs. W birthday  
Jan 7 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade auditions for Talent Show  
Jan 8 fun lunch  
Jan 12 Madonna's birthday  
Jan 17 End of Quarter Two

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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Rocky River's web site = [www.rccs.org](http://www.rccs.org) click on *Kensington*, *teacher web pages*, and then *Mrs. Wilhelmy* to view our class's page.



Happy Holidays from the Wilhelmy Family.