

Reading
Our second book report will be completed online. No paper will be turned in whatsoever! The Online Survey Book Report must be submitted by January 30 . Students have been offered 50BCs for recruiting any other reader (child or adult) to complete the project along with us. Would you like to read with us? Thank you to the parents who have completed their own book reports! How fun. The survey is on our webpage (rrcs.org).

We have finished Nim's Island and will be working this week on the LAP that goes with it. The Vocabulary section will be assigned on Monday and we will work through the assignments one at a time. The Continent Celebration is scheduled for January31st at 1:45. Can't wait to meet you all Down Under.

Our next continent will be South America. We will be reading Salsa Stories by Lulu Delacre. This book is difficult to find and is sold on Amazon in both English and Spanish (I found this out the hard way). I do have many copies here at school, so if you have a hard time locating a copy, we will figure out book sharing in class.

We are 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? Unit 6 Geometry. We will be exploring quadrangles (quadrilaterals) and polygons this week.
500 BC Opportunity!! Create a slide show (Powerpoint) or poster of photos from around Rocky River. Each photo you include will be an example of a term in Geometry (line, line segment, ray, parallel lines, intersecting lines, angle, vertex, right angle, perpendicular lines) . Photos must be originals, taken by you or a family member. Photos must be labeled with the correct terms.


Science In science we will be investigating how some traits of plants and animals are inherited and others are learned. Do baby birds take nest building lessons? Do baby lions learn how to hunt for food, or are they born knowing how to catch dinner? What about a plant bending toward the sun? Who teaches that plant?


Social Studies Government Test Wednesday!!! If our class earns a $90 \%$ average or higher, we will be able to incorporate a full functioning government in our Business Time program. When our class shows that we fully understand how the process of government works, we will put it into action... for real! The study sheet will go home on Monday. Practice, practice, practice.

Fundations .

## Unit: Unit eight, week two

* Concept: C-le syllable exceptions
* Words of the week: hustle and scribble
* Trick words: beautiful and example
* Sound-Alikes where/wear and wait/weigh
* Cursive letters: Upper case B and P


Guest Reader: Our guest reader for this week will be Mrs. Bock. She will be here from 9:15-9:30 on January 31st.
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. MN!

Other important information?


* SuccessMaker: Your child should be making an attempt to do a minimum of one reading, one math session per week.
* The Lego Photo Gallery is growing! Add to it!


Important Dates?
Jan 25 Report Cards go home with students (Please review together and then return envelope and comment card)
Jan 28 After-School Tutoring program begins
Jan 29 Pizza Day
Jan 30 Third Grade Concert 7pm
Jan 31 Australia/NZ continent party
Feb $17-23$ RR Community Coalition $8^{\text {th }}$ 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:

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| $\checkmark$ | Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall |
| $\checkmark$ | Wednesday = art with Mrs. Braddock |
| $\checkmark$ | Thursday = book exchange with Mrs. Cipriani |
| $\checkmark$ | Friday = fitness with Mr. Shreve |

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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.


