



HAPPY thanksgiving

Wishing you
and your
family a
joyous
Thanksgiving
celebration.

FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #12
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class
November 19 - 23, 2012

What is going on in:

Reading: We are spending time in North America right now. We are enjoying watching Ida Bidson and Tom Kohl make decisions about their future and taking action to bring their dreams to life. We are gaining new vocabulary and learning about the power of verbs as we look closely at the masterful writing of our author, Avi.

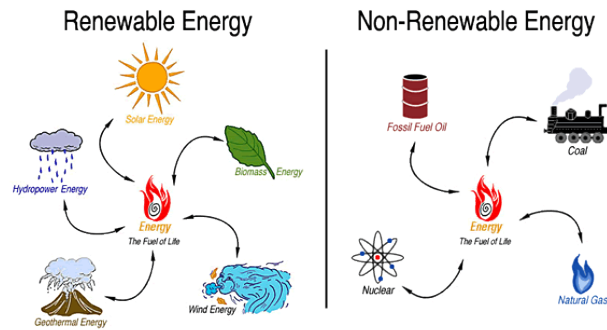
Our first book report was assigned this week and will be due on December 18th. The kids will create a map to share the setting of the story. Planning out the long term assignment to fit family schedules, obligations, and time commitments is an important life lesson that we will be working on together. Please enjoy reading together and let me know if you help at any point.

Math? Multiplication! We will be practicing facts and how to use them in problems here at school, but it is essential that kids are practicing these facts nightly in order to commit them to memory. Flash cards, web games, apps on ipads, all of these are great ways to get these facts in heads. Yes, there will be timed fact tests. Think of math facts like the ABCs of mathematics. Please let me know if you need to borrow a set of flash cards.

Our topic this short week will be multiplication arrays and seeing our facts in order to better understand them.

Ask your child about Vivian's Favorite Fact and for the product of 8×8 !

Science: Our next unit is about resources being used for energy. Our test on **renewable and non-renewable energy** will be on November 29th. The study sheet will go home on the 27th. If you'd like to start practicing early, use your notebook, your textbook pages written in your notebook, or do some searching for current information and discussion on your own. We'd love to see what you find about this hot topic.



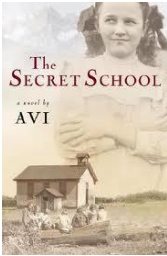
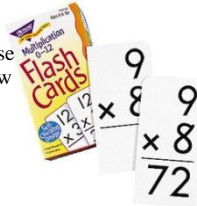
Social Studies We will be investigating our government for the next few weeks. We will start by looking at our Federal government and then seeing how that has influenced the design of our local system.

Foundations # Note: This information is for the week of November 26 – 30. We will be reviewing our skills during the short week before Thanksgiving.

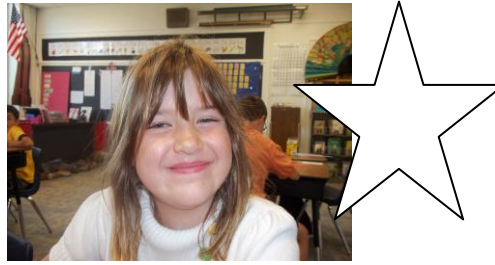
Unit: **Unit six, week one**

- ❖ *Concept: Open Syllable*
- ❖ *Words of the week: donate and study*
- ❖ *Trick words: country and answer*
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes hi/high*
- ❖ *Cursive letters: lower case z and x*

Guest Reader: Our guest reader for the week of Nov 26 – 30 will be **Mrs. Liberator** She will be with us from 9:10 – 9:30 November 29th.



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. EB!



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.

Our classroom winner will be announced soon.

- ❖ Thank you to families who have been working to make Successmaker work at home. We will continue to work out the bugs the best we can. In the mean time, students who are having a hard time accessing SuccessMaker at home, please sign up for computer time in the classroom. The computers are open during Business Time from 8:15 – 8:30 and during Eat and Read from 2:10 – 2:35.

NOTE: In order to work on SuccessMaker outside of the district, home computers must have a Java plug-in installed and downloaded. Information about the free download can be found at <http://www.java.com/en> Please let me know if you are still having difficulty accessing SuccessMaker at home.

Important Dates?

Nov 16 Pizza Day Rescheduled
Nov 16 Gym Rats Game
Nov 19 Vivian's birthday
Nov 20 Fun Lunch
Nov 21 First Day of Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26 Return to school ☺
Dec 3 Mrs. W at meeting all morning
Dec 4 Mrs. W at meeting most of the morning
Dec 4 Fun Lunch

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

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

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

Check out
the beautiful
work your
children did
in Art Class!

