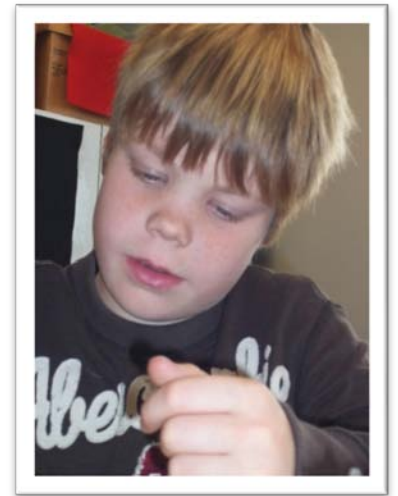


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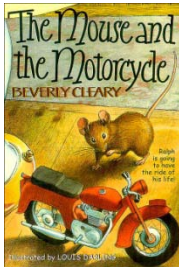
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

November 7 - 11, 2011



What is going on in:

Reading? We are now studying the continent of **North America**. We are reading folk tales, fairy tales, poems, legends, and non-fiction from this continent. Our novel will be *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*, by Beverly Cleary. Many students enjoyed having their own copy of our first novel so that they could respond and predict right in the text as they read. I expect we will begin reading the novel starting on November 7th if you plan to purchase a copy for your child.



Note: Our **non-fiction book report** has been assigned. The students will read about a location of their choice and send a postcard to my home from the location. The postcard must be postmarked by December 7th. See the assignment sheet for more details about the requirements.

Math? We have just started Unit Four. Unit Four is all about multiplication. If you have not started practicing multiplication facts at home, the time has come. We will be practicing here in class in as many ways as I can think of, but nothing can replace the repetition that can be provided at home. The more solid the facts are, the easier the more complex problems will be for your kids. Thank you in advance for helping your child to memorize these facts.

Note: There are several links on our website that may be helpful.

Science? ROCKS!! This week we will be observing and working with rocks.



How did this pot hole happen?

Social Studies? Our next unit in Social Studies is **Government**. We will begin working on this unit this week.

Foundations? Because of the short week, we will not be starting a new concept in Foundations. Instead, we will be reviewing concepts from past weeks. I am leaving last week's information in Fridge Facts so you may review at home if you'd like to.

Unit: Unit five , week one

- ❖ *Concept:* **The Schwa!**
- ❖ *Words of the week:* **pollen and denim**
- ❖ *Trick words:* **mother, brother**
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes:* **whether/weather**
- ❖ *Cursive letters:* lower case **n and m**.



Star of the Week: Each week we celebrate one classmate from Room 205. We will be writing our star a letter and the star will have a chance to share special information and artifacts with us each Friday. Parents and important grown-ups are always invited to join in the celebration of your star and you are encouraged to write a letter to your special star as well. It is always a special time of the week.

Our Star this week is **AJ**. Because of scheduling conflicts and parent-teacher conferences, we will celebrate AJ during the week of November 14th. We look forward to learning more about you!



Other important information?



- ❖ Our guest reader, **Mrs. Bandi**, will join us on Thursday, November 17th, from 1:40 – 2:00. We can't wait!
- ❖ **Study Island** is here! Students all have been given a username and password to this computer program. The program is designed to help students improve basic skills in math and reading. Our classroom is expected to login and do at least one math and one reading topic per week. If this is not possible, please let me know and we'll make arrangements here. Please do the pretest first in each.
- ❖ A second computer opportunity is **SuccessMaker**. Kids, you may be familiar with this program from Goldwood. Your username and password are taped in your planbook right underneath your Study Island information. This program is optional but encouraged. Links to both sites are on our webpage.
- ❖ **Report cards will go home today, November 4th. Please review them and discuss with your child. On Monday, please return the whit comment card and the envelope. I do not need the actual report card. Thanks.**



Important Dates?

- Nov 4 Report Cards distributed
- Nov 8 Fun Lunch
- Nov 9 Special Surprise in Room 205!
- Nov 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Conferences (No school for kids)
- Nov 14 – 16 Fourth Grade goes to Camp Fitch!
- Nov 17 Blue Ribbon celebration, Kensington, 7pm
- Nov 18 Gym Rats Game, RRHS

Our special class schedule:

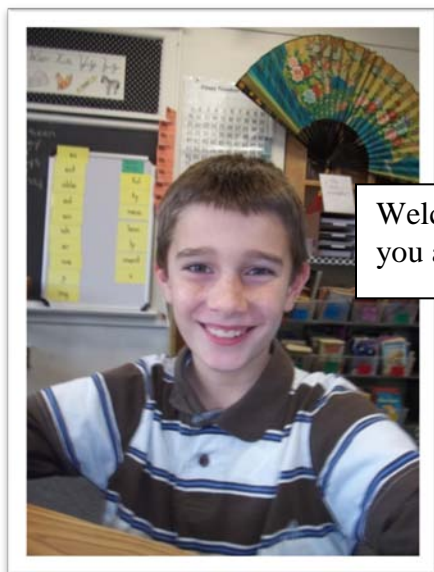
- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs. Budd
- ✓ Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall
- ✓ Wednesday = art with Mrs. Coughlin (<http://thinkcreateart.blogspot.com>)
- ✓ Thursday = book exchange with Mrs. Cipriani
- ✓ Friday = fitness with Mr. Shreve (Please bring or wear sneakers)

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

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



MM and her dad.



Welcome to our class, KG! We are glad to have you as part of our Room 205 family.



Mr. MacDonald's iguana, Todd, dressed up for Halloween this year!