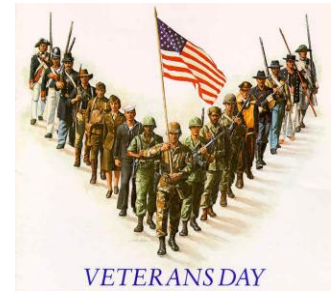


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FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #11
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class
November 12 - 16, 2012

What is going on in:

Reading: We 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.

Math? We will finish Unit Three this week. A review sheet will go home on Monday; the test will be on Wednesday. Students will need to know the difference between finding area and perimeter, how to make and use a line plot, and how to use a ruler. Practice, Kids!

Our next unit will start on Thursday. We will be entering into the world of 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.



Science: Our next unit is about resources being used for energy. We will be looking at **renewable and non-renewable energy** this week.



Social Studies? We will begin our Government Unit this week. We'll start by looking at the background that set up our form of government in the first place. We'll investigate how our Federal government is organized and then move on to how this compares to Rocky River's government and how different and similar local government can be.

Foundations

Unit: **Unit five, week Two**

- ❖ *Concept: The Schwa! And dictionary skills*
- ❖ *Words of the week: helmet and rocket*
- ❖ *Trick words: mother and brother*
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes farther and father*
- ❖ *Cursive letters: lower case v and y*



Guest Reader: Our guest reader this week will be Mrs. Brandt. She will be with us from 9:10 – 9:30 November 15th.

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. YA!



Other important information?



Kensington Spelling Bee: There is information in your Friday Folder about our Kensington Spelling Bee. Each third grade classroom will be sending two spellers to the grade level round based on a 20 word spelling list. The 20 word test will be given on the 15th of November. The grade level round will take place on the 14th of December. Check the parent letter for more information and ideas for practice.

❖ Report Cards are going home in Friday Folders today (Wednesday). Please sign and return the comment card and the envelope as the envelopes are used from quarter to quarter. There is no need to return the report card itself because it is on our computer.

❖ Congratulations to ML and MN on their Over and Above. These girls sorted and graphed their Halloween candy using a Line Plot!



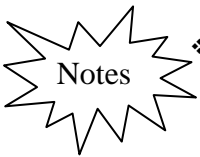
❖ Congratulations to JF who wrote and typed her own story... without being assigned the project!



❖ Congratulations to HB, AC, DH, MN, and SV for choosing to forgo a Halloween cupcake when they realized there were not enough to go around. Thank you for your kindness.



❖ 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 8 and 9 Parent –Teacher Conferences in the Kensington Gym

- Nov 7 Jane’s Birthday
- Nov 12 – 14 4th Grade goes to Camp Fitch
- Nov 12 Veteran’s Day
- Nov 13 Pizza Day
- 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 ☺

I am looking forward to seeing you all and having the opportunity to share wonderful news about your children’s progress in the first quarter of third grade.

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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