



FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #6

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

October 3 - 7, 2011



What is going on in:

Reading? We will continue reading our novel, The BEG this week. We will be paying attention to the vocabulary, the sequence, the literary elements, and drawing conclusions about the characters, and their motivations as we move through the story.

ALERT! Our first book report was assigned this week and it is due **October 20th**. Students need to have their grade 3 or higher chapter book approved by Monday, the 19th. For this report the kids will be creating a comic strip that shows the plot of their story in 5 - 7 panels.

Math? We are working on **Unit two** this week. Our topics will include Change-Number-Stories, Comparison Number Stories, The Partial Sums Algorithm, and a Subtraction Algorithm. See the explanation in our Friday Folder to help at home. You can also find these online by following the link on our web page.

Science? This week we will be working with our new inquiry vocabulary and science tools. We will have a quiz this week on the steps of the scientific method and the tools that we use in science. Check our notes online, the notes in your child's notebook, or our text book for help. Students should know the 5 steps of the scientific method and be able to identify: graduated cylinder, dropper, thermometer, pan balance, spring scale, measuring tape, measuring cups & spoons, goggles, magnifying box, and hand lens.

Social Studies? Our first unit in social studies is **Maps and Geography**. This week we will be discussing important lines of latitude on our planet including the equator, the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Arctic Circle, and the Antarctic Circle. This Thursday we were treated to a presentation by some classmates who created books using the terms we are learning about in Social Studies. We enjoyed your work very much!



Foundations?

Unit: Unit two, week three

- ❖ *Concept:* **1.1.1 Words** (one syllable, one vowel, one consonant after the vowel = a 1.1.1)
- ❖ *Words of the week:* **shipment, mixed**
- ❖ *Trick words:* **what and could**
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes:* **guest/guessed, missed/mist**
- ❖ *Cursive letters:* lower case **v,w**.

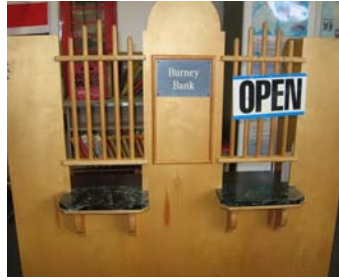
Star of the Week: Each week we celebrate one classmate from Room 205. We will be writing our star a letter and the star will have a chance to share special information and artifacts with us each Friday. Parents and important grown-ups are always invited to join in the celebration of your star and you 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 **EA**. We look forward to learning more about you!



Other important information?

- ❖ Thank you **Mrs. Kelley** and **Mrs. Solecki** for helping our bankers figure interest in our Burney Bank. This amazing team finished both Regular Accounts and Certificates of Deposit in one day!



- ❖ Kensington Media Center is in need of a library aid for our library class time on Thursdays from 2:05 – 2:40. Are you interested? If you'd like to be a library volunteer, please contact Laura Gluntz at lauragluntz@cox.net or 440-331-52-33.
- ❖ Thank you, **Pirate Hickey**, for your beautiful pirate stories and your gift of treasure and the book *Pirate Pete's Talk Like a Pirate*. We had a great time with your visit.



- ❖ Our guest reader, **Mrs. Solecki**, will join us on Thursday 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.



Important Dates?

- Oct 1 PTA Pumpkin sale
- Oct 3 Student Council essays due
- Oct 4 Pizza Day
- Oct 4 **Ohio Achievement Assessment in Reading (3rd grade only)**
- Oct 14 NEOEA Day, no school for students.

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)

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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.