

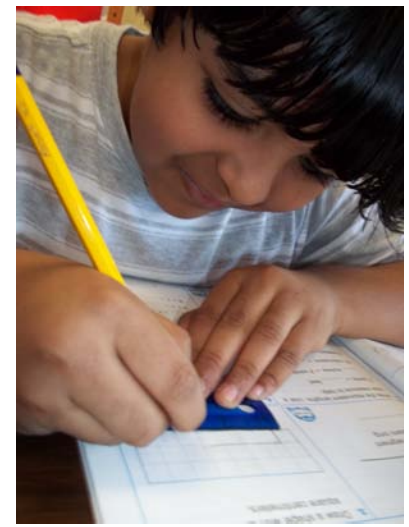


FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #10

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

October 31 – November 4, 2011

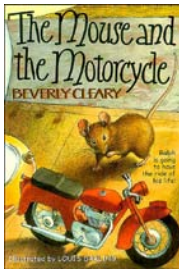


What is going on in:

Reading? We have finished reading our novel, *The BFG!*. We have been working on our Language Activity Packet (LAP). This packet includes activities where the students will be looking up vocabulary words from the story (dictionary skills), using those words in sentences (vocabulary and context clues), doing activities using art, math, and writing skills. The kids will also be practicing language/grammar skills and evaluating the story (comprehension, higher level thinking skills, evaluation of literary ideas, and vocabulary.) Quite a bit is packed into this packet! We will do one section a day, but the grade will not happen until the final due date. The students are encouraged to edit and respond to advice in order to produce the highest quality work possible. **The final due date will be November 2nd.**

Note: Our **non-fiction book report** was assigned this week. Students need a book about a place to which they will "travel" and send a postcard by Wednesday, November 2nd. The postcard must be postmarked by December 7th. See the assignment sheet for more details about the requirements.

Note 2: Our next continent study will be **North America**. We will begin by 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.



Math? We will be testing **Unit three** this week. A study sheet will go home starting on Monday, the 31st. 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. When you look at a rock, what can you learn from it? Why is just looking at the rock not enough when studying it as a scientist? How can just using your eyes fool you?

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

Foundations?

Unit: Unit five , week one

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

Cute kids.



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, **Ms. Woolery, Mickayla's** mom, 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.
- ❖ Thank you, **Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Solecki** for helping with Burney Bank this week.



Important Dates?

- Oct 28 End of Quarter One (Spirit Day)
- Oct 29 Spooky Saturday

Oct 31 – Nov 4 **Scholastic Book Fair.** Our class will shop during Book Exchange on Thursday, the 3rd.

- Oct 31 Halloween party (1:45- 2:45)
- Nov 1 Pizza Day
- Nov 1 Catherine's birthday
- Nov 4 Report Cards distributed
- Nov 4 Mrs. Wilhelmy will be at a district meeting during the afternoon
- Nov 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Conferences (No school for kids)
- 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)

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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.