



FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #2
Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class
September 3 - 8, 2012

What is going on in:

Reading? In reading this year we will travel from one continent to the next learning about cultures of the world through literature. We will be practicing our reading and writing skills along the way. First, we read as many folk tales, fairy tales, legends, and poems as we can find set in the continent. Next, we will read a novel that is set in or written by a native of the continent. We will finish the unit with a Language Activity Packet (LAP) where we will practice skills. We will be celebrating the differences and similarities of the cultures throughout our study as well.

Our first stop on our trip around the world is **Europe**. We will be reading the novel, *The BFG*, written by **Roald Dahl**. I encourage students to respond to vocabulary and concepts of a story as we read so we often write in our books as we go along. While it is not a requirement, I encourage each student to have a paperback copy of the book we are reading so that they may interact with the text directly. *The BFG* should be easy to find in local book stores like Books-A-Million. If you have trouble finding a copy, please let me know and I can look around for you. We will be starting the novel around the week of September 10th.

In writing this week, we will be working on writing narrative pieces. We will be telling stories. A good story has an established situation, a narrator or strong characters who tell the story through words or actions, an organized sequence, characters who respond to situations and each other, words that lead us through the story (first, next, finally, etc), and a clear closure to the problem.

Opportunity: Can you find these elements in the story of the Three Little Pigs? If you can, write it out on paper, Pwer Point, poster, or notecards and bring it in next week. Hmmm... you never know what good things happen when someone is looking for an opportunity to learn!

Math? We are working on **Unit one** this week. Our topics will include Analyzing and displaying data equivalent names for numbers, and the language of changing events. Most weeks students will have a Homelink page to do each night except Friday nights. Some assignments are quick and others will take a little longer. If you find that your child is struggling and working beyond 15- 20 minutes or so, stop them and write me a note. I will go over the material again with your child in class the next day. No need for tears at home!

Science? Our first unit will be **scientific inquiry, science safety rules, science tools, and terms**. Your child will be taking notes in a notebook and using a textbook as well as hands-on activities to learn this information. We'll keep you posted on what is happening each week.

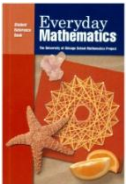
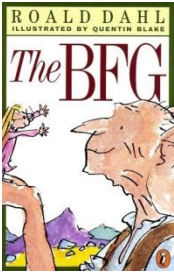
Social Studies? Our first unit in social studies is **Maps and Geography**. Again, we will be keeping a notebook for this subject that will be an excellent resource when it comes time to study.

Fundations

Unit: **Unit One, week one**

(Notice these are the same words as the Orientation Week. This will not happen often so take advantage of the extra week of practice with these words and concepts :))

- ❖ Concept: Closed Syllable (one vowel closed in by a consonant makes the vowel short. Ex. Up, box, fit, den, rat)
Trigraph = three letters that make one sound (tch as in catch)
Digraph = two letters that make one sound (ch as in chin)
Blend= two or more letters grouped to make more than one sound (bl as in blend)
- ❖ Words of the week: **crunch and stretch**
- ❖ Trick words: **again and when**
- ❖ Sound-Alikes: **know/no, right/write**
- ❖ Cursive letters: lower case **e and h**.



Hey, Kids! Check out our amazing Media Center! Need help? I'm Mrs. Cipriani and I would be glad to assist you find what you are looking for.

I wonder if she knows Harry Potter!



Other important information?

- ❖ Please return any **volunteer forms** so I may put together schedules. If you need another copy, please email me or put a note in your child's planbook. A guest reader request (with dates) will be sent home soon. Please think about coming to read to us! We love visitors!
- ❖ **Applications** for financial advisors, insurance agents, and public relations specialists are due on Tuesday, September 4th. Please encourage your child to go for these leadership opportunities.
- ❖ Reminder: Opportunities to earn BCs are optional and have no due date. They are just a chance to go beyond what is expected and earn Bonus Coupons. They in no way effect grades but can be fun! Check out our web page for forms and information about Business Time. There is even a video to watch!
- ❖ Thank you for signing your child's **planbook** each night! It makes communication so much easier.
- ❖ **Alert!** I will expect the kids to write their first and last names on all of their papers in cursive. This will be difficult at first but, with practice, they will get very good at it. Please be patient with us as our new calligraphers practice this skill.
- ❖ Congratulations, **VB and BL** on being elected as our first Burney Bank officers of the school year!



Important Dates?

- Sept 3 No school – Labor Day
- Sept 6 Mrs. W at meeting for ½ day
- Sept 7 Ice Cream Social
- Sept 10 Bike Safety assembly for third grade
- Sept 11 Fun lunch for those who participate
- Sept 13 Picture Day
- Sept 16 Patriot Day
- Sept 18 Pizza Day for those who participate
- Sept 22 PTA Pumpkin sale



Our special class schedule:

- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs.)
- ✓ 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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