



# FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #3

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

September 12 - 16, 2011



*What is going on in:*

Reading? We will be starting our novel, The BFG this week. I encourage each student to try to obtain a copy of the story so that you may take notes in your own book. 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 will be assigned this week! Students will receive a book report assignment every 4 – 5 weeks. The kids will read a book (it must be approved by me first), and then will complete a project after. Each report will be different and will be challenging the kids to reach different goals. The first report will be assigned Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, and due October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Math? We are working on **Unit one** this week. Our topics will include finding differences, calculator routines, and solving problems using money.

**NOTE:** Remember, your child needs a durable container with 30 pennies, and 10 each of every other coin (quarter, dime, and nickel)



Science? Our first unit will be the **scientific method, science safety rules, science tools, and terms**. This week we will be concentrating on the steps of the scientific method. How do we face a question like a scientist? What steps do we take in order to back up our hunches and ideas?

Social Studies? Our first unit in social studies is **Maps and Geography**. This week we will be learning about reading and interpreting maps. We will be using the map title, map key, directions, and symbols to help us.

Foundations?

Unit: Unit One, week two

- ❖ *Concept:* **glued sounds**
- ❖ *Words of the week:* **swamp and scold**
- ❖ *Trick words:* **again and when**
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes:* **witch/which**
- ❖ *Cursive letters:* lower case **b, f, k**.

Opportunity: *On our webpage there is a link to a handwriting practice site. Go there, create a practice sheet for yourself and practice your first and last name at least 10 times. Bring this in on Tuesday for BCs!*



**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 MP. We look forward to learning more about you!

Other important information?

- ❖ If you are interested in being a **guest reader** in our classroom, please return the request form as soon as you can. I will create a master schedule as soon as a good number of forms are turned in. Thanks to those who have already offered your time!
- ❖ Congratulations, **DB, EA, and SF** for being hired to **The Root Seller Insurance Company**



- ❖ Congratulations **CW and EK** for being hired as our **Financial Advisors** for the school year.



- ❖ 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!
- ❖ Congratulations, **JJ**, on your Over And Above. This young man watches out for his classmates and their well-being every single day. We are all grateful to you for your kindness and generosity. Way to go!



Important Dates?

- Sept 12 Bike Safety Assembly
- Sept 13 Fun lunch for those who participate
- Sept 13 **Field Trip to Rocky River Public Library (8:45 – 10:15)**
- Sept 14 **Picture Day**
- Sept 15 **2:15 Dismissal due to 5<sup>th</sup> grade Open House**
- Sept 16 Patriot Day and Michael's B-Day
- Sept 20 Pizza Day for those who participate
- Oct 1 PTA Pumpkin sale

← Please take note.

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](http://www.rrcs.org) click on *Kensington*, *teacher web pages*, and then *Mrs. Wilhelmy* to view our class's page.