



FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #5

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

September 26 - 30, 2011



What is going on in:

Reading? We will continue reading our novel, *The BFG* 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? Congratulations to a class of excellent mathematicians who did very well on our Unit One test!! We are working on **Unit two** this week. Our topics will include addition and subtraction fact families and their extensions, “What’s My Rule?” puzzles, and number stories called “Parts-and-Total Stories”.

Science? We will be spending some time this week using the science tools that we have been learning about.



Social Studies? Our first unit in social studies is **Maps and Geography**. This week we will be learning about coordinate grid maps and learning a few important lines of latitude.

Opportunity: Kids, what city does this map show? Bring in a 3x5 card with your name and the name of the city for a BC reward.



Foundations?

Unit: Unit two, week two

- ❖ *Concept:* 1.1.1 Words (one syllable, one vowel, one consonant after the vowel = a 1.1.1)
- ❖ *Words of the week:* **grabbed and trapped**
- ❖ *Trick words:* **what and could**
- ❖ *Sound-Alikes:* **band/banned**
- ❖ *Cursive letters:* lower case **r,s,t**.

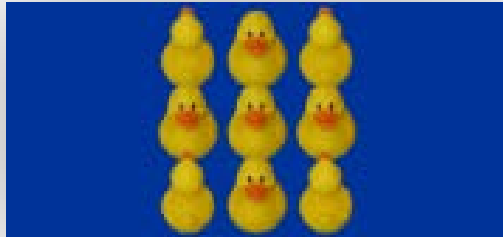
Star of the Week: Each week we celebrate one classmate from Room 205. We will be writing our star a letter and the star will have a chance to share special information and artifacts with us each Friday. Parents and important grown-ups are always invited to join in the celebration of your star and you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



Other important information?

- ❖ 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!
- ❖ Rocky River Spiritwear may be purchased online. Go to <http://rockyriver.wufoo.com/forms/spirit-wear-kensingtonpta/>
- ❖ 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, Mrs. Triplett for sharing a logic game with us. The link is on our web page. Check out the ducks!



- ❖ Our guest reader, **Mrs. Hickey**, 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?

- Sept 27 Fun Lunch
- Sept 30 Mrs. Wilhelmy at a workshop and out of the building ☹
- Oct 1 PTA Pumpkin sale
- Oct 3 Student Council essays due
- Oct 4 Pizza Day
- Oct 4 Ohio Achievement Assessment Reading (3rd grade only)

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)

Mrs. Wilhelmy's email = wilhelmy.amy@rrcs.org

Rocky River's web site = www.rrcs.org click on *Kensington*, *teacher web pages*, and then *Mrs. Wilhelmy* to view our class's page.