



# FRIDGE FACTS

The Room 205 Newsletter Edition #2

Mrs. Wilhelmy's Class

September 5 - 9, 2011



*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.

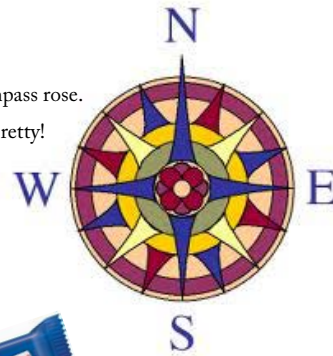
Our first stop on our trip around the world is **Europe**. We will be reading the novel, *The BFG*, written by **Roald Dahl**. I encourage students to respond to vocabulary and concepts of a story as we read so we often write in our books as we go along. While it is not a requirement, I encourage each 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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 chance events. (always, sometimes, never, will happen, might happen, will not happen). There is a new link on our web page: [everydaymathonline.com](http://everydaymathonline.com). Your child has a login and password taped into his/her planbook cover. Take a moment to check out this site. There are wonderful resources to use if you get stuck on a homework assignment and the games are fun too.



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 and creating a compass rose. Knowing about a compass rose will help us to move forward as we learn about maps and put them to use. Plus... the roses are pretty!



Foundations?

Unit: Unit One, week one

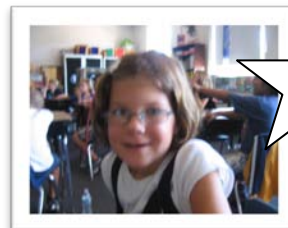
- ❖ *Concept:* Closed Syllable (one vowel closed in by a consonant makes the vowel short. Ex. Up, box, fit, den, rat)  
 Trigraph = three letters that make one sound (tch as in catch)  
 Digraph = two letters that make one sound (ch as in chin)  
 Blend= two or more letters grouped to make more than 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**.

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!

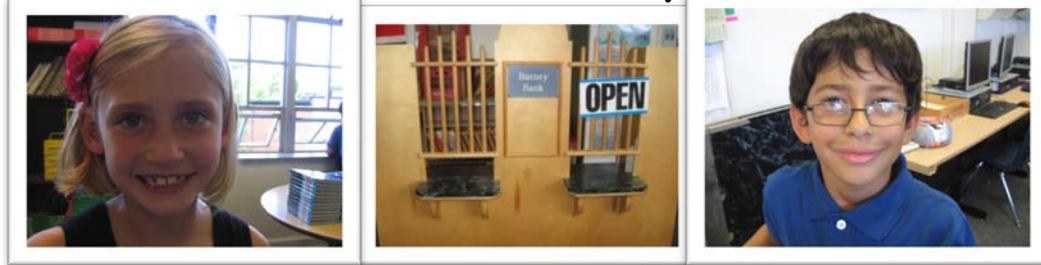


Star of the Week: Each week we celebrate one classmate from Room 205. We will be writing our star a letter and the star will have a chance to share special information and artifacts with us each Friday. Parents and important grown-ups are always invited to join in the celebration of your star and you are encouraged to write a letter to your special star as well. It is always a special time of the week. Our first Star of the Week is LS. We can't wait to learn more about you!

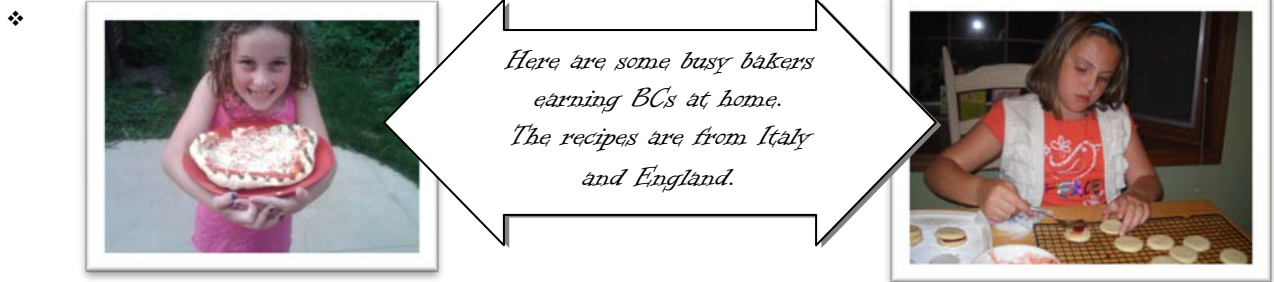


Other important information?

- ❖ 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, **MKH and TS** for being elected to be our first **Burney Bank Officers** of the school year!



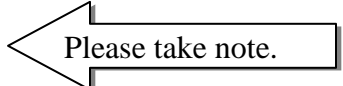
- ❖ **Applications** for financial advisors, insurance agents, and public relations specialists are due on **Tuesday, September 6th**. Interviews will take place the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Reminder:** Opportunities to earn BCs are optional and have no due date. They are just a chance 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!



- ❖ **Community Cards:** There will be opportunities for our students to take mini-field trips all over the city and earn BCs for doing so. The names and addresses of the locations will be on our webpage by September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to participate, travel to the location and ask politely for a Community Card for Mrs. Wilhelmy's Third Grade Class. Follow the directions on the cards and have a grown-up sign it. Bring the card back the next day and up to 500 BCs will be deposited into your bank account for you. You may visit each location only one time. This is an **OPTIONAL** experience with **NO DUE DATE!** The goal is to get you out in the community to see how the things we are learning in class (and will learn in the future) appear in the world around you every day!

Important Dates?

- Sept 5 No school – Labor Day
- Sept 7 Pizza Day orders due
- Sept 7 Bike Safety assembly for third grade
- Sept 9 Ice Cream Social
- Sept 13 Fun lunch for those who participate
- 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



Our special class schedule:

- ✓ Monday = music with Mrs. Budd
- ✓ Tuesday = computers with Mr. Pfall
- ✓ Wednesday = art with Mrs. Coughlin
- ✓ 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.