



# FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Our class will visit the Book Fair this Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:10-11:40. Parents are invited to meet in the Media Center to shop with our class, or you may send money to school with your child. Please remind your child to use his/her money to buy books- you can get pencils and erasers anywhere! ☺ Mr. Halper is also hosting an evening Book Fair event on Wednesday night (April 16<sup>th</sup>), so you can also to wait and shop then.

This week is a BIG week for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at our school. It's FCAT time! Luckily, our classroom schedule isn't affected too much, but stay tuned for any updates.

## Important Dates

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>-  
Book Fair 11:10-11:40

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>-  
Book Fair Night

## Reading

This week we read an informational text by Gail Gibbons. She is one of the most well-known authors of non-fiction books for children. I highly recommend looking for some of her books next time you visit the library or book store. The particular text we will be reading includes several diagrams, so we will focus on how this special text feature adds to our understanding of the text.

For phonics we are focusing on words with the "aw" sound made with the letters *au, aw, al, o and a*. For vocabulary, we will continue practicing one of our favorite strategies: using context clues to determine a word's meaning.

## Writing

We will continue both of writing skills from last week: irregular verbs and pre-writing an opinion text.

## Math

This week we will finish our unit on data and graphing. The kids have shared many examples of graphs they've come across outside of school, which sparked a great discussion about what a "real world" skill analyzing data/graphs really is! We will continue graphing our own data and drawing conclusions. On Friday, we will take the Chapter 10 Test, so be on the lookout for the review homework on Thursday night.

## Science & Social Studies

We are wrapping up our science unit on energy, force and motion.

Our next couple of science units center around plants and animals. Up-coming topics include life cycles, habitats and adaptations.