

# THE WALKER TIMES

THE FROG-TASTIC NEWSLETTER OF MRS. WALKER'S 4TH GRADE

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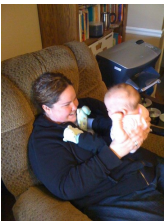
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful track out! It seemed like it was a really long break! I'm not complaining, but it was enough time for me and I was more than ready to get back to work and see the kids!

I was able to head up north to Indiana and visit my husband's family for a few days, and then we drove up to Michigan and I was



able to meet my new niece (my twin brother's daughter) for the very first time! She's the cutest thing ever!! While we were there, she had her baptism, and Steve and I are her Godparents, so it was a very special trip for us both!

While home in NC, I was able to go to several doctor's appointments and now I have to wear glasses full time! It's been almost three years since I had gone and had my eyes checked, and now I have new glasses and I have to wear them all the time!

This week we have our Social Studies test and I'm going to move it to Friday due to our

very special Take A Veteran to School Day on Thursday! I am very excited for this big event and I think the kids are really going to enjoy it and remember it forever!

If you'd like to send in items for the reception on Thursday, please let me know! The event will be from 2:00-3:15ish and all are welcome to attend!!

This week, I'll be sending home the permission slip and information for our next field trip (NC History Museum for the Pirates exhibit on 11/19/09). It's \$3.50 per child. This Friday, the first payment for the overnight field trip is due. Please contact me if you need any assistance!!

I am so happy to get back and see the kids. We're in a new room (room 604) and it shouldn't be as cold and windy as room 607 was. Your child might want to bring a sweater/sweatshirt to keep at school in case they get too cold in the classroom. You never know what the room is going to feel like!!

Don't forget—no school on Wednesday!!  
:)  
Mrs. Walker

## HOMework

### MONDAY

Math: "Taxi Face-Off" Elapsed Time  
Spelling: Take Home Task 13 (Homophones)

### TUESDAY

Math: "Taxi Town" Problem Solving  
Cursive: "Character pl"

### WEDNESDAY

**Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL!!**

### THURSDAY

Math: "Time Flies" Telling Time  
Grammar: "To, Two, and Too" Homophones

## CONTACTING MRS. WALKER

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## SPELLING WORDS

COULDN'T REASON  
DIFFERENCE PLANE  
STREET

## LANGUAGE ARTS NEWS

### W.W.W.

This week we'll be focusing on homophones for our grammar focus. The most common mistakes with homophones are there, their, and they're, and then too, two, and to.

We'll be doing more cursive for homework this

### WRITING

This week we'll be discussing our scores for the first On-Demand Writing Task that we completed back in October before we tracked out.

Our focus will turn to Organization and writing strong beginnings, middles, and endings.

### READING

This week I'll be giving everyone the second (Mid-Year) DIBELS assessment. If anyone scores in the High Risk range, I'll let you know immediately.

For reading, our focus will continue to be on research reports. We'll begin our reports by selecting a famous person to research. Each child will need a pack of colored index cards.

I'll be sending home the rubrics for the biography reports for this quarter. Please let me know if you have any questions about anything on the rubrics. Your child will need to be thinking about what they're going to do to dress up as their person. They'll be giving an oral report in character!

Each child will also be responsible for completing a timeline of their person's life. Your child will need a large poster board for this project.


 IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION

Tuesday, November 17th is our next NC Writing Task. This time we'll be completing a Content-Area Task and the class will have an entire week to finish their writing.

Tuesday is also picture make up day for track 3, AND McTeacher night at the Mill Pond McDonald's!! I'll be there and hope you'll come and see me! Be sure to tell them that you're from Mrs. Walker's class!!!


 WISH  
LIST

- Several packs of colored index cards (not all children will be able to provide this for their research)
- Several large poster boards for children who cannot afford to purchase
- Snacks (The snacks we had are gone!)
- More Impossible Puzzles (you can get them at Hallmark stores)


 SPECIALS  
INFORMATION

Monday- We have Computer Lab! I'm not sure if it'll be me teaching, or Mrs. Smith. I do have the Wikis completed and will be teaching the kids about how to use a Wiki. I'm very excited for the kids to start adding their writing, projects, and artwork to their Wikis and show you!!

Tuesday- Media

Wednesday- NO SCHOOL

Thursday- Instead of PE1 we'll be having Art!

Friday- PE2


 MATH  
NEWS

We are a week ahead in math!! I wanted to make sure that we had our math blue diamond and unit 3 math test finished before we tracked out—I didn't want the kids to forget anything! So, this week we'll be working on some skills that I think they need to practice. We'll be working on time! Not just telling time from a clock, but also elapsed time. The homework this week will all be time-related.

I'm very proud of so many of the kids who continually improve on their multiplication timed tests! Each week there are more and more 100% and I can't wait until everyone scores 100%!! Keep working on those math facts!!


 SOCIAL STUDIES  
NEWS

We have finished studying units 3 and 4 for social studies and will have our test on Friday, November 13th (NOT Thursday as originally planned).

The kids have been doing so well with learning their states and capitals!! Before we tracked out, I gave the kids a states and capitals test and another map identification test. I'll be sending them home this week. I gave the first tests back to parents at conferences, so hopefully you'll be able to see some growth!! The goal is for each child to score 100% on the states and capitals test and be able to correctly identify all 50 states on a blank map!! :)


 COMING  
EVENTS

- 11/10/09- NO HW CLUB or CURSIVE CLINIC  
 11/11/09- NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day  
 11/12/09- Take A Veteran to School Day & Reception (2pm-3:15)  
 11/17/09- Cursive Clinic 4:00-4:30  
 NC Writing Task- Content Area #1  
 Picture Make Up Day (Track 3 only) and  
 McTeacher Night at Mill Pond McDonald's (5-8pm)  
 11/19/09- Field Trip to NC History Museum for Pi rates Exhibit (\$3.50 per child) and Lunch at Kids Together Park (12:00-1:00)  
 11/24/09- Cursive Clinic 4:00-4:30  
 11/26/09 & 11/27/09 NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Break!


 ROCK STAR  
OF THE MONTH


We will be voting on the October Rock Star this week!!


 MORNING  
WORK

Monday- "It's A Dog's Life" NC Plott Hound

Tuesday- "Lots of People" (NC Population) and "Meat-Eating Plant?" (Venus Fly Trap)

Thursday- "Rocket Man" Astronaut Michael Smith

Friday- "Come to Your Census" NC Census Form