

THE HALDANE HERALD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ELA

Important Dates

Pizza Monday	10/22
Jean Day	10/26
Bucket Week	10/29
1/2 Day	11/2
Sweatshirt Day	11/2
Popcorn Friday	11/9
Conferences	11/12
Book Fair Starts	11/12
Picture Retakes	11/13
Pizza Monday	11/19
Half Day	11/21
Jean Day	11/21

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sign up for conferences.
- Our ELA time is designed to meet the needs of EVERY student.
- Turn in October book orders by the end of next week.
- Field trips are next week.

We have read three stories during reading workshop over the past three weeks. Each story is written at three different levels, each matched to students' reading comprehension and oral reading fluency. The leveled books are accompanied by differentiated activities and assessments, as well. This assures that each child is challenged to achieve at his or her personalized reading level.

We have been working through the writing process as we have written several personal narratives.



Students write every day. All students are provided with clear grade-level expectations as well as the expectations for one grade higher. This enables students to consistently strive for higher achievement while receiving the support they need to meet the expectations for this year.

We also work on grammar skills every day. Students work on a grammar sheet in the morning, which we review each afternoon. We utilize multiple resources to connect

grammar to our reading and writing. Grammar is more than rules in room five. Here, it is a resource for understanding what we read and write every day.

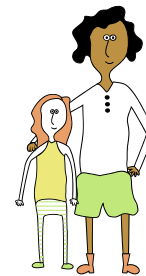
Students continue to work on spelling. We do not get to practice every day, which is why homework is SO important. The words students sort are also differentiated according to their readiness. Students are working at a variety of levels spanning three years worth of words.



CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are November 12 during the day. You can sign up for a time at the classroom or on the website on the blog page. Please plan to have your child with you at the conference.

These conferences are incredibly important as they provide an opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress both in the classroom and on standardized assessments.



We will also discuss typical classroom behavior and ways that you can support what we do in the classroom while you work with your child at home. Since conferences are one-on-one, each is incredibly personalized.