



# Ms. Snell's Class October Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:



**National Hispanic Heritage Month**

9/15-10/15

**Disability Awareness Month**

Oct.5-PTA Fall Family Campus

Clean-Up 8-11:30

Oct.8-IdentiKid Pictures

Oct.9-Teacher Workday

Oct.15-Art in the Sky picture day

Oct.23-PTA Out to Eat ChickFilA

Oct.25-Boosterthon Pep Rally

Oct.29-NC Symphony field trip

with Mrs. Riggert

Oct.30-End of First Quarter,

Make-Up Day for Fall Pictures

## Curriculum Corner:

**ELA: Module 1: Poetry, Poets, and Becoming Writers**

**Unit 2: Writing to Inform**

This week, we are wrapping up our research for our expert poet biographies. Next, we will begin to plan and draft our literary essay on What Inspires Writers to Write Poetry? The literary essay is a four paragraph essay (introduction, proof paragraph1, proof paragraph2, conclusion). For the End of Unit 2 Assessment, students will be asked to revise their essays for capitalization, spelling, and assessed on writing complete sentences. Watch for EL Homework that will be going home this week for extra practice on these skills.

**Math: Unit 2: Multiplicative Concepts**

This week, students will review how to calculate area and perimeter from third grade, and extend their learning to calculating the area and perimeter for rectilinear shapes. Students will be asked to solve word problems involving either a fixed area and varying perimeter, or a fixed perimeter and a fixed area. Feel free to check out the unit 2 parent guide and math resources found on the class website for extra help and/or practice on area and perimeter.

**Social Studies: Geography of North Carolina**

This week, the students are reading about the three regions of North Carolina. They will be asked to identify characteristics of each region (landforms, bodies of water, cities, natural resources, economy). Following this review, we will examine how North Carolina has changed since statehood in the areas of population growth, transportation, communication, and landscape.

## Bulldog Birthdays



Valerie S.-October 17<sup>th</sup>

## Important Notes:

I am continuing to collect funds for our field trip to the Greensboro Science Museum. The cost of this trip is \$25 total. You can pay by cash/check or through the online payment system located on the York Elementary website. Several parents have signed up to be chaperones for this trip. Parents must transport themselves and pay an additional cost of \$12.50 for admission to the museum. Please make sure that you have already registered via the WCPSS Volunteer System to accompany your child on the trip.

On Open House night, the Fourth Grade team sent home parent letters inviting you to link up to your child's Dreambox account. Dreambox is an adaptive, supplemental math program that Wake County has purchased for their students. Students can access the app through their WakeID. In addition, I will be sending home passwords that will be located in your child's agenda for signing in through a mobile device. Students should be practicing nightly, as part of their nightly homework. In addition, I sent out evites to parents connecting you to your child's Google Classroom account. This is where many of our class assignments and materials can be found including our literary essay on poetry.