

# Ms. Snell's Class Newsletter Week of September 16-20

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**



### National Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15

**Sept.2-**Labor Day (no school), **Sept.6-**Student Info Cards & WCPSS Handbook due,

**Sept.12**-Open House 6-8 pm, **Sept.20**-Fall Family Picnic & Movie Night 6-9 pm,

**Sept.23**—First Quarter Interims Go Home,

**Sept.24**-PTA Out to Eat Night @ MOD Pizza,

**Sept.25**-Fall Picture Day, **Sept.30**-Teacher Workday

### September Birthdays



Aidan F.-September 11<sup>th</sup> Vance R.-September 22<sup>nd</sup> Azariah R.-September 25<sup>th</sup>

# **Curriculum Corner:**



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

This week, we will be finishing up Unit 1 with our end of unit assessment on Tuesday. Students will be asked to participate in a small group collaborative discuss on how Jack's attitude towards poetry has changed. Then, students will be asked to answer select response and short answer questions to demonstrate their understanding of how Jack's character has changed since the beginning of the novel. We will also begin Unit 2: Writing to Inform: What Inspires Writers to Write Poetry? Students will work in expert poet groups where they will research one of the poets from the novel in preparation for writing a literary essay.

### Math: Unit 2: Multiplicative Concepts

In Unit 2, students will expand their understanding of multiplication to include comparison problems, factors and multiples, and area and perimeter. This week, we will be working on distinguishing between additive and multiplicative comparisons, and solving comparison word problems using models and equations with a symbol for the unknown. Feel free to check out the unit 2 parent guide and math resources found on the class website.

## Social Studies: Geography of North Carolina

In this unit, students will be learning about how human, environmental, and technological factors affect the growth and development of North Carolina. We will begin with a review of basic geography terms and concepts as they pertain to North Carolina (absolute/relative location, hemispheres, continent, country, regions, state). We will also be reviewing the Three Regions of North Carolina through reading about the major cities, climate, economy, landforms, and natural resources found in each region.

### Important Notes:

This Friday is the Fall Family Picnic and Movie Night. The students voted for Disney's Toy Story to watch that evening. The event will be held from 6-9. Please check your child's weekly folder for information regarding our upcoming Fall Picture Day and please fill-out and return the form should you wish to purchase. Last week, many permission forms went home regarding participation in the NC Arts in Action program as well as permission forms for our upcoming field trips to the NC Symphony with Mrs. Riggert and the Greensboro Science Museum. If you have not already done so, please return these forms as soon as possible (we need to submit them to the school nurse for review). We our also accepting payment for 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. The York PTA has generously covered the cost of the charter buses through their learning experiences grant.