

Mrs. Hall's Newsletter

February 17, 2020

Specials

2/17 – No School
2/18 – Art
2/19 – Technology
2/20 – Science
2/21 – PE (sneakers!)

2/24 – Music
2/25 – Media (library books!)
2/26 – Character Education
2/27 – Art
2/28 – Technology



What We Are Learning

Reading: Students will read nonfiction and identify basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (RI.9). Next we will review main idea and key details and identify reasons an author gives to support ideas in a text (RI.8). In phonics we will review "Magic E" (long vowels with silent 'e' at the end) and continue learning vowel teams (ie, ee vs. ea, ai, vs. ay)). **Remember**, once students learn these features, they are expected to be used in their writing and day-to-day assignments. Find word examples on my website under "Letterland" – "student lists."

Writing: *Please* continue to work on using capital letters and punctuation correctly, as well as writing complete sentences! We will finish our fictional narratives (W1.3) and then review informational writing (W1.2). Students will research a topic (W1.6) and use digital tools, such as Google Slides, to share information (W1.5).

Math: Students will review place value (NBT.2) and use their understanding to find ten more or ten less than a one- or two-digit number (NBT.5). Next we will use these skill to subtract multiples of ten (NBT.6).

Social Studies: Students will review basic map skills such as cardinal directions, map symbols, and map key. Students will be able to read and make a map, pointing out specific locations (G1.1).

Science: Next, we will study the Earth/Moon/Sun system as well as the day and night sky.

Announcements

1. We still need one chaperone for our field trip in March! If you wish to chaperone, per Wake County policy, you must have a volunteer background check completed each year. Please e-mail me if interested.
2. February's Scholastic Book order is due **February 26**. You can order until 3:00pm on 2/26 (here: [scholastic.com/readingclub](https://www.scholastic.com/readingclub) using the code LYDCP). This is a great way to expand your home library with inexpensive, age-appropriate books.
3. I will be sending out an e-mail about Single Subject Acceleration (SSA). There are strict dates during which to nominate your student for testing in either literacy **or** math, so please be on the lookout for this e-mail
4. We have a lot to celebrate this year as it is Alston Ridge's 10-Year Anniversary! Gator Fest will be held in the front field on Saturday, March 28. Keep your eye out for more details.

Dates:

February 26: Scholastic Book Order Due

February 28: Progress Report home

March 9: Teacher Work Day (No School)

March 26: Laurel Hills Park Field Experience

March 28: Gator Fest 3:00-5:30pm

Classroom Wishlist

- skinny or regular Crayola washable markers
- Post-It notes
- old, kid-friendly magazines (National Geographic for Kids, LadyBug, Ranger Rick, etc.)

Have a wonderful week 😊

- Mrs. Hall