

# Mrs. Hall's Newsletter

September 30, 2019

## Specials

9/30 – No School  
10/1 – Music  
10/2 – Science  
10/3 – Character Education  
10/4 – Media (library books!)

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10/7 – Technology  
10/8 – PE (tennis shoes!)  
10/9 – Art  
10/10 – Music  
10/11 – Science



## What We Are Learning

**Reading:** Students will review elements of nonfiction literature. We will use many nonfiction books on rocks, landforms, and geology in order to support our project work! Students will distinguish between information they learn from the pictures and information they learn from the text (RI.1.6). We will learn various text features (table of contents, headings, captions, diagrams, labels, etc.) and be able to name and use them to locate information (RI.1.5). We will continue studying s-blends and l-blends at the beginning of words.

**Writing:** Students continue practicing informational/nonfiction writing (W1.2). We will read nonfiction books and practice focusing on one topic, taking notes, and summarizing information in our own words. Students will write informational texts individually as well as in groups during our project (W1.5).

**Math:** Students will review place value, recognizing that numbers are made up of tens and ones (NBT1.2). We will begin comparing two numbers (ex. 13 vs. 31) and explaining how they are different using previously taught place value concepts.

**Science:** Students will begin a unit called "Pebbles, Sand, and Silt." We will study the similarities of and differences between Earth materials (rocks, soil, etc.) and discover how they are useful to us (1.E.2). **We will be starting our first project this week!**

## Announcements

1. If you have not paid for any field trips, RAZ Kids, or the Scholastic News/BrainPop programs, please do so as soon as possible.
2. Math Night is now scheduled for October 21. The first hour will be a presentation on our math curriculum, and then I will be presenting Open House with just our classroom parents. I know we will be tracked out, but our Open House will be in a first grade classroom – details to come.
3. A conference sign-up will be coming out after report cards go home on Friday. I can work with you on times if necessary, so please e-mail me. I will also hold conferences after track out.
4. We are working very hard on handwriting (specifically when we do writing and our dictation sentences for the week). I have some writing paper on my website if you would like to use it at home.

### Dates:

September 30: Teacher Work Day (No School)

October 4: Rock Quarry Field Trip; Report Cards home

October 18: Last day before Track Out

October 21: Math Night & Open House

November 12: Track In – Welcome back!

## Classroom Wishlist

- multicultural crayons
- Post-It notes
- prize box items (stickers, temporary tattoos, fun pencils, glitter glue, bouncy balls, erasers, etc.)

Have a wonderful week ☺

- Mrs. Hall