



# Weekly News

Week of 10/22-10/26

## Mrs. Wooden's Thoughts

- Congratulations to the following students for moving up a level on our Super Improver Wall: Mia, Hudson, Summer, and Eve! Way to be Bolin Braves!
- Our October Book Order went home last Friday. Every student in our class will be receiving the \$1.00 book every month thanks to the generous donations of my friends and family. In September we got Chocolate Touch for our free book! Our class on-line ordering code is **J3RZC** or you can make a check out to Scholastic Book Clubs. Orders are due Monday, October 22nd!
- Students must reach their AR goal by next Friday to go to the AR Party on October 31st!! Way to go, Eve, Ella, Mia, and Alexis for qualifying so far!!

### AR Celebration

Date: Wednesday, October 31

Time: 9:30-10:15 - 3rd, 4th, & CC  
10:30-11:15 - 5th grade

Where: Library

What: Games - indoor or outdoor, depending  
on the weather  
"Indoor" S'mores



- We will be starting our Harry Potter unit towards the end of October. All four classes participate and exciting activities are being planned to bring reading to life. This weekend I will be sending home an email of items to donate for our Harry Potter Unit...be watching for that. Thank you!
- Box Tops! Send them to school ASAP for our Fall Box Top Blitz Contest!
- Don't forget to check out our class website. It's full of helpful info for you **AND PICTURES!** [www.woodenbraves.weebly.com](http://www.woodenbraves.weebly.com)

## Reminders

- 10/23 - Family Social Skills Night @ CJHS – 6:00 p.m.
- 10/24 - Unity Day – Wear Orange for Anti-Bullying
- 10/26 – End of 1st Grading Period
- 10/27 – Trunk-or-Treat @ Armstrong ~ 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 10/31 – Halloween Parties ~ 2:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. (Dress in costumes at 2:00 p.m.; Parade at 2:15 p.m.; Classroom Parties at 2:30 p.m.)

## Classroom Star Student

Congratulations to Maggie for being our next Classroom Star Student! Maggie treats everyone with respect and is a kind student. She tries really hard on her assignments and is a responsible student. Way to go, Miss Maggie!

## Upcoming Tests

- Monday- "Words Their Way" Tests
- Wednesday-Solar System Test
- Thursday- Exploration + Colonization Test
- Friday- Reading Test

## Classroom Feature

### Writing Assignments

We have completed two writing assignments this year so far. Students wrote narratives about an event in their lives; these are displayed in our classroom on our writing bulletin board. I am in the process of grading the Spooky Stories and I will be choosing five finalists. The finalists will read their stories to the class on Halloween. We will vote for our favorite Spooky Story and that student will receive a Halloween treat from me.

Currently, we are writing Monster Drawing How-To's. Students drew a monster and wrote how to draw the monster they drew. Next week, we will have a classmate try to recreate the monster only using the "How-to Essay".

When I grade their writing I am looking for well-developed fifth grade writing that gives me an interesting introduction, events or details, and a strong conclusion. I also look for our writing traits that will will learn and develop throughout the year. These are:

- Ideas—the main message
- Organization—the internal structure of the piece
- Voice—the personal tone and flavor of the author's message
- Word Choice—the vocabulary a writer chooses to convey meaning
- Sentence Fluency—the rhythm and flow of the language
- Conventions—the mechanical correctness
- Presentation—how the writing actually looks on the page

## Contact Me

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