



Mrs. McDowell's ELA News

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Students used their first Book Club Book, this second one counts if finished and we are visiting the library with enough time to read non-fiction books.	2 Unit 8 Vocabulary Test	3
4	5 Pre-Test on Units 9, 10, and 11	6 Unit 9 words come home	7 Book Talks	8	9 Book Talks	10
11	12 Book Talks	13	14 Book Talks	15	16 Unit 9 Vocabulary Test	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 Unit 10 words come home	21 Book Talks	22	23 Book Talks 1st Day of Book Fair	24
25	26	27 Our class visits the Book Fair	28 McDonald's Fundraiser 4:30-7:30		Unit 10 Vocabulary Test	SHOREBIRDS tickets issued if 4 books read by yesterday <input type="checkbox"/>

We will be finishing up our unit on analyzing Argumentative Writing. The students have looked at multiple sources and have learned how to evaluate different sources to see if they are credible and relevant. Students will complete a writing on comparing and contrasting the different types of evidence used to support a claim made in an argument.

We will continue looking at non-fiction writing for the next few weeks. Students will identify the author's purpose for writing, they will summarize text and also find the central idea. I have asked students to choose some non-fiction books to help them with completing their Shorebirds Bookmark and we will use these to complete some of these activities as well.

The students have been working on IREADY. We will use these results to help us prepare for the upcoming PARCC test. Students will be getting lessons based on their results and what they need to work on most these next few weeks as well.

The students should all be finishing up their 2nd Book Club book this month and ready to pick a new one. I have introduced the students to their final project for this book. Students will create a Book Talk this time to tell us about their book and make us want to read the book. Students are able to choose from a power point or a sway presentation. There are also IPADS available with fun apps as well for them to be creative with their book talks. I will also allow them to just talk to us as well if they do not want to make a presentation. Please ask your child about their book talks and be sure that they are reading EVERY NIGHT, based on their calendars.

The students will take a PRE-TEST on Units 9, 10, and 11 prior to getting Unit 9 words. If your child gets 100% on the PRE-TEST then they do not have to retake the test for that Unit. I will let you know if this is the case in their notebooks on the words. We will spend a week reviewing before we take the POST-TEST on Units 9, 10, and 11.