

ELA Newsletter

Oct 23-Nov 3, 2017

Important links and information from Mrs. Kirr...

Class website: Scholarsrm239.weebly.com

Further Reading...

[*An idea for your family prior to Thanksgiving...*](#)

Day/Date

Class agenda written for students and parents...

Monday October 23	Book Talks No Red Ink (See Schoology for "how-to" video) Set-up your interests Pre-Assessment Review storyboards and revise if needed Independent Reading (& 1:1 grade conferences)
Tuesday October 24	Practice Grammar Sentence Book Talks Review AoW from Friday (Grammie came in for the last two classes and read us The Sweetest Fig!) Start typing our stories Independent Reading (& 1:1 grade conferences)
Wednesday October 25	Book Talks Grammar "quiz" Writing - Introductions - Hooks / Leads Continue writing - experiment with three different hooks/leads Independent Reading (& 1:1 grade conferences) Focus: What would be a good hook to introduce someone to that part of your book? Remember, you want to grab their attention and make them want to continue reading. Explain why you think this is a good hook that leads to the rest of the plot.
Thursday October 26	Book Talks Writing - Introduction to "snapshot" and "slo-mo" (slow motion) writing Continue writing - experiment with snapshot and slow motion Independent Reading Focus: Tell about a time when your author created a snapshot or slow motion technique? If you cannot find one, explain where the author could have added one of these techniques.

Friday October 27	(Mrs. Kirr is not at school today. Mrs. Closs is our guest teacher.) Finding and replacing verbs in our writing to make them stronger. Article of the Week - “Attempts at Healthier Lunches” Students practice creating literal and inferential questions. Independent Reading
Monday October 30	Grammar “blast” Feedback example & student volunteer? Pair up to give and receive feedback with our writing. Independent Reading
Tuesday October 31	Grammar “blast” Movie Trailer preparation “Spooky” Independent Reading - with flashlights “Breakout/Escape Room” - in LMC
Wednesday November 1	Finish Grammar Book Talks Editing our writing Capitalization / punctuation / dialogue Independent Reading Focus: Consider some of the dialogue in your book. What deeper purpose does it serve (other than telling you what the characters say)?
Thursday November 2	Book Talks Clean out binder / Add Q2 goals Feedback regarding how Q1 went Look at writing through the lens of the rubric Article of the Week - “Honolulu is the First City to Enforce Fines for Texting” Independent Reading Focus: Same as yesterday
Friday November 3	Book Talks “We Video” - How to with Mrs. Fajks Independent reading if there’s time...