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## Classroom Wish List:

Box Tops

## Take Home Reading Logs:

Please turn in your yellow take home reading log every Friday. Logs need to be initialed by parents, as well.

## Conferences:

Please be sure to sign up for a conference! Conferences will be held on Monday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 24!

# Mrs. Hayes' Classroom Connection

## Here's What's Been Going On!

### Balanced Literacy Program

Our classroom has a balanced literacy program, with several components. Students will be involved, daily, with reading and writing workshop, as well as spelling and word study. Secondly, students will also study grammar. Aside from this, we will be focusing on mastery of our handwriting skills.

Students will be reading books, solely at their independent level, while participating in whole class and small group mini-lessons.

As a class, we have been learning how our classroom library is organized by genres. We have been identifying books of various genres, while noting their characteristics.

We have also been discussing the power of rereading to help us:

### Word Study

Students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week, such as sorting words to understand phonemic patterns.

Students' words will be based on his/her instructional spelling

sound out unknown words, clarify parts in a story and for enjoyment. Aside from this, we have also been working on improving our reading stamina.

This week we continued delving into our first unit of study; small moment/narrative. This week we began our first draft of our personal narrative. Students created a sketch of the major events of the story; beginning, middle and end. After this was completed, students began drafting each piece.

A personal narrative is a story, usually told in first person; regarding an event or experience that one had.

## Special Schedule

Monday – Technology

Art

Tuesday – Music

Friday – Gym

Literacy Center

## Upcoming Events

10/12/18 Trunk or Treat

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Murphy Elementary

10/17/18 PTC/PAC Meeting

8:30 a.m.

10/22/18 and 10/24/18

Parent Teacher Conferences

Scholastic Book Fair



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## Math

This year Lapeer Community Schools will continue to fully implement Investigations. It is a very structured program, with a hands on learning approach; while solving problems with various approaches.

This week students continued learning about addition and subtraction, specifically using various strategies to solve equations.

We completed the unit one test, as well.

Aside from this, we began unit two; Attributes of Shapes and Parts of a Whole. Students have been learning about shapes and solids, while noting their characteristics.

Homework will be sent home frequently. The homework is a direct reflection of what was taught that day in class. Typically, there are only a few problems for homework.

Aside from this, a set of addition and subtraction cards have been sent home for you to keep at home and practice. Please assist your child with practicing them on a nightly basis. It is crucial that students know these facts fluently.

## Science

This week students continued learning about the Earth and its surface, specifically learning that the Earth is made up of land and water.

Students have been learning about various landforms including a; mountain, hill, valley, plain and plateau.

## Social Studies

This week students continued learning about communities, specifically common characteristics among them; including buildings, businesses, transportation and natural characteristics.

## Don't Dream Your Life

## Live Your Dreams!