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**The Week of Oct. 17th – 21st**

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**-**Reminder that students need to bring a pumpkin (any size that they can carry) to class on Oct. 17th for our Pumpkin Theme Week.

**-**This newsletter is for October 17th – 26th since we do not have school on the 27th or 28th. The Challenge of the Week will still be due on October 21st but there will be no Challenge of the Week for the following week.

**-**We are reviewing long a spelling patterns (a\_e, ai, ay) this week.

**-**If you have any pictures from the Walk-a-thon, please send them my way if you don’t mind! I forgot to bring out my phone during it last week to take pictures! ☹ Thanks so much!

**Important Info**

**Oct. 17th-21st** Pumpkin Theme Week

**Oct. 24th-27th** Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Oct. 27th-28th** No School

**Oct. 31st** Halloween Parade / Party @ 2:15

**Nov. 1st** Early Release Day

 Reading Logs Due

**Upcoming Events**

**Challenges of the Week**

 **Math Challenge of the Week:**We have been practicing doubles. For example, 7+7=14. We have also been practicing to write these doubles in a different way. We put the whole number in the front (14=7+7). Have your child write out at least 5 double number facts by putting the whole number in the front. Here are some example problems they might use:

\_\_\_ = 6+6 \_\_\_ = 8+8 \_\_\_ = 9+9 \_\_\_ = 5+5

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** Last week in reading we learned the difference between a fact and an opinion. While you read a book, see if you and your child can find at least 1 fact and 1 opinion. Or find 2 different books that have those and compare them. Write those facts and opinions down and bring them to class! *For more of a challenge, have your child create their own facts and opinions about things around their house.*

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** We have been practicing how to write fictional narratives. This means a story that has a beginning, middle, and end that is not true. Many times these stories have a problem in it. Have your child write a story about a talking pumpkin that has a problem sometime in the story.

**DUE OCT 21st - NO HOMEWORK THE FOLLOWING WEEK**

 **Website of the Week:** [Wacky Web Tales](http://www.eduplace.com/tales/index.html)is a great website to help creativity, reading, and language arts skills! Students are asked a set of questions based on which wacky story they pick and they put in their answers into a story. The story comes out to be quite funny! The students can practice reading the stories fluently once it is made! Some students will definitely need parental support on this one but it is a GREAT challenge! <https://www.eduplace.com/tales/>
 **App of the Week:** [Counting Money](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/counting-money/id469420537?mt=8)is a great app because you can set it up as hard or easy as your child needs. Students learn the value of the coins and learn how to count mixed coins at the same time. For most of the class, I would suggest doing the beginner level, 10 questions, timer off, and DO show the coins total to start off with on the settings.

**Tech of the Week**