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**The Week of Oct. 31st – Nov. 4th**

 **Email:** **Lweeks@bluevalleyk12.org**

**Website:** [**www.bluevalleyk12.org/hes/lweeks**](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org/hes/lweeks)

-We will be working on long i words using the spelling pattern i\_e (bike, slide, wide, etc).

-I will have 2 class videos up by Monday, Oct. 31st on my classroom website! One will be about the zoo field trip and the other one will be about our Pumpkin Theme Week! Go to the website below and enter ‘weeks’ for the password and username!

[**http://tinyurl.com/hogkd7q**](http://tinyurl.com/hogkd7q)

-Students need to bring their reading logs on the date they are due in order to participate in the reading party. Please help your child remember to do this on Nov. 1st.

-I have had the best conversations at Parent/Teacher conferences! Thanks so much for taking the time to come!

**Important Info**

**Upcoming Events**

**Oct. 31st** Halloween Parade starts at 2:15pm

**Nov 1st** Early Release Day

Reading Logs are due

**Nov 23-25th** No School

**Website of the Week:**  [Brainie](http://www.mathplayground.com/brainie.html) is a fun one we have been playing on the SMARTboard for centers. Students have to find numbers that equal the given numbers. The levels increase every time they play so it gets harder and harder. Great challenge for many of them!
<http://www.mathplayground.com/brainie.html>

**App of the Week:** [Math vs. Zombies](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/math-games-math-vs-zombies/id470896560?mt=8) is just a fun one I figured a lot of students would like. I have had many students in the past tell me it was their favorite app!

**Tech of the Week**

**Math Challenge of the Week:**Go to the website below and click on ‘single digit addition worksheet – 0 to 9.’ Print off the worksheet that pops up. Give your child a timer and see how long it takes them to complete the 20 problems. Write down the amount of time on the paper and glue the page on a paper in their homework notebook. This website is a great one to practice every once in a while for math fluency.
<http://www.softschools.com/math/addition/single_digit_addition_worksheets/>

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been working on asking and answering questions while we read to help us comprehend our books better. We did this by looking at pictures and questioning things that we read. For example, a student noticed that in our book we were reading that a dog was stuck in a hole. He wondered how the dog got there in the first place. We went back through the book and figured out that the dog probably got stuck by chasing a cat from the previous page. Have your child ask questions and try and answer them together by looking at pictures and reading on in the book. See if they can come up with at least 3 questions while they read. Write down the questions and answers that they provide!

**Writing Challenge of the Week:**  Have your child come up with a short story that has a beginning, middle, and end about what they did (or will do) for Halloween.

**Challenges of the Week**