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**The Week of Oct. 3rd – 7th**

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

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

-Reminder that students need to bring a pumpkin (any size that they can carry) to class on Oct. 17th (please not before this date) for our Pumpkin Theme Week.

- Mrs. Thacker has created a donation sign-up page for parents to help donate items she needs for some stem projects she wants to do in our classroom. Go to the website below to sign up to donate something! <http://bit.ly/2ddevib>

-We are working on long a this week spelled a\_e (rake, lane, gate, etc)

**Important Info**

Oct. 4th Picture Re-takes

 Early Release Day

Oct. 7th Walk-a-thon @ HMS track 9-10am

Oct. 14th No School

Oct. 24-27th Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 28th No School

**Upcoming Events**

**Challenges of the Week**

**Math Challenge of the Week:**Have your child come up with all of the ways to make 10 that they can. It can be adding numbers together or subtracting numbers from one another. See if they can find at least 6 different ways of making 10!

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been working on visualizing while we read. For example, the students read a paragraph and visualized what was happening in that paragraph in their heads while listening. Then they drew a picture of what they saw in their heads. Read a few pages of a book to your child without them looking at the pictures. Then have them draw a picture in their homework notebook what they visualized while listening to what you read.

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** Students in first grade typically have a hard time recalling what they did all day long. Have your child write about a day this week and everything they did during that day. Have them use words such as first, next, then, finally to help them organize their writing better. *For more of a challenge, see if they can include at least 4 adjectives in their story and have them underline those adjectives.*

**Website of the Week:** [Drawing Now](http://www.drawingnow.com/how-to-draw-animals.html) is a great website where it teaches the students how to draw different things and takes them through all of the steps! This would be a great activity to have them do and then write a story about the animal or thing they drew!
**App of the Week:** [Dictionary.com](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/dictionary.com-dictionary/id308750436?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2) has a great app that is free. It is a great alternative to a dictionary if you don't have a dictionary at home. It also shares a word of the day which would be a great challenge for your child to use that word in a sentence each day if you think they need a challenge! Another activity is to find a word in an actual dictionary and then typing and finding it on the app as well! It is fun to see the differences each dictionary displays for a certain word.

**Tech of the Week**