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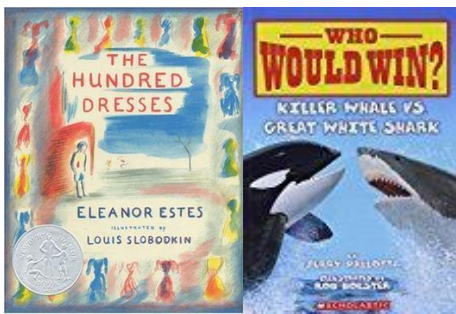
ELA NEWSLETTER THIRD GRADE



Skills Focus:

Reading

Realistic Fiction and Expository Nonfiction: Students will examine how characters affect plot and distinguish their own point of view from the author's.



Writing

Opinion Writing: Opinion pieces clearly state opinion and supply the reasoning for thinking. Students need to use evidence, reasoning, and facts to support their viewpoint. Students also build their argument by linking their ideas together through a variety of sentence structures and more complex sentences.

Literacy Block

Students are working on independent reading stamina and responding to reading through writing. Teachers are meeting with students in guided reading groups to work on individual skills.

At Home Connection

Have your child practice giving his/her opinion and give reasons to support his/her opinion.

- What is the best candy bar?
- Who is the best sports team, singer or actor?
- What is the best holiday?
- What is the best season?

The options are endless, but make sure he/she gives you two good reasons and don't be afraid to keep asking WHY?

