

# October



## EHT LITERACY NEWSLETTER GRADES 4 & 5



### GENRE FOCUS: Realistic Fiction and Drama

Students will learn about characters and how they affect a story and its message (theme).

### SKILLS FOCUS:

#### Reading:

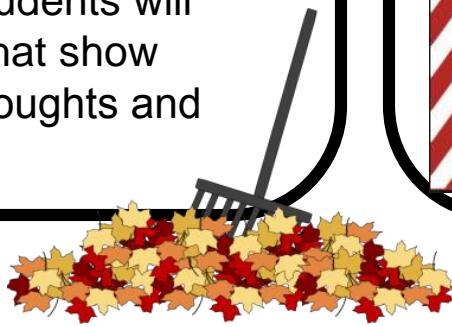
**Theme-** the author's message and how characters help to determine the theme.

**Characters-** discover the relationship between the characters and the story.

**Text Structure-** how the author organizes a text to tell the story and why.

#### Writing:

**Narrative-** students will write stories that show characters' thoughts and feelings.



### AT HOME CONNECTION:

Characters On A Roll	
2	How does the main character change during the story?
3	What did the main character do to make sure you like or dislike him/her?
4	What can you say about the main character's family life?
5	How is the role of the supporting character(s) important to the story?
6	Cite a phrase that helps the reader learn about the main character.
7	What are the main character's strengths? Weaknesses?
8	What will happen to the main character in the sequel to the book?
9	How does the main character interact with other characters?
10	Compare two characters. How are they alike? Different?
11	Why would you want to be or not be the main character's friend?
12	Where will the main character be 20 years from now?

