

# The Week Ahead

## *Language with Mrs. Carolyn*

This week my class will continue working on identifying *nouns, verbs, and adjectives*. **Shurley English** will be a part of this class too. There will be a weekly or biweekly test over material learned that week but most weeks there will not be homework in this area.

In Spelling we will learn **words that have the Short e, /e/ sound. We also have the long e /e/ sound spelled with an ee and ea sound (spelled CVVC – ex. *keep* and *heat*)**. We will spend much time writing

in their WRITER'S NOTEBOOK too. It is very important for your child to cut up the **word sort** for the spelling words and sort them between long vowel words and short vowel words. Be sure and study the attached SPELLING WORDS for a TEST on FRIDAY.



This week the discussion has been on research resources and when to use them. In WRITER'S WORKSHOP we will continue to learn about the *writer's PURPOSE* and the different reasons we write.



**We will target test on Tuesday and Wednesday.**

**FALL PARTY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> AT 1:00 P.M.**



*Science with Mrs. Gina*

This week in science we will begin our study of Chapter 5 "Living Things Depend on One Another." There will be no test this week, but I will take a grade from a short vocabulary and comprehension quiz on Thursday.



**PTA MEETING**

**PTA will meet Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in the DES  
Library at 5:00 p.m.**

## Flu Shots

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic at DeWitt Elementary School where students may receive their flu shots. It will be held on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please return your child's completed papers to the school.



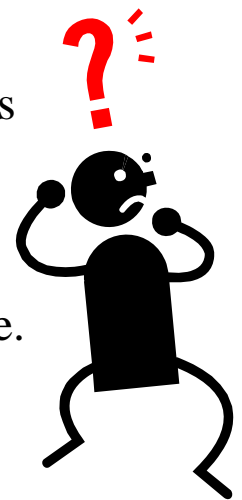
## Thank You!

We would like to thank you parents for taking time to attend parent-teacher conferences this week. Your children are important to us, as they are to you. It is our goal to help them succeed in all that they do. Thank you again for attending!



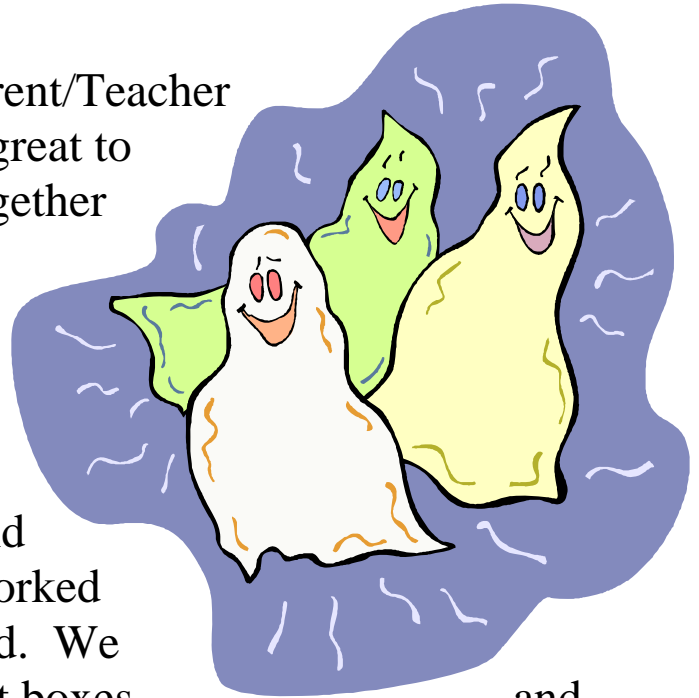
## Accelerated Reader Points Confusion

After parent-teacher conference, I realized that there was some confusion about the Accelerated Reader program in third grade. I apologize for this confusion, but didn't realize that in earlier grades this had been counted as a grade. I do not count AR Points for a grade. I want the children to read as much as they can so that they will gain a love of reading. The quizzes help students with test taking skills. When a student gets 20 points, I put up a paw print in the hall for them. Each additional 20 points earns a new paw print. I hope this makes things a little clearer. I apologize for the confusion. Mrs. Dana



## Mad Math with Mrs. Jessi

Thanks for such a wonderful Parent/Teacher conference turn out! It's really great to know that we are all working together to help your children make the adjustment to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and to becoming "big thinkers!"



This week we will continue to work on daily word problems and review the skills that we have worked on over the last nine-week period. We will continue to work with in/out boxes and begin making groups with our math tools as we begin multiplication and division. We will be taking a target test this week to monitor progress; it is not for a grade. It is a tool for all of us to see how students are progressing. We will continue to have open response quizzes on Thursday and weekly tests on Friday.

Please continue to work on word problems at home! I still have those that don't want to put the necessary **reading** effort into their work. I will also begin incorporating more two-step problems, so it is very important for students to read and understand **what** is being asked of them. Remember that using some kind of manipulative will make the problem more concrete/real for your child. We want to increase the student's self-confidence with positive experiences. Test will be on Friday.

## Reading with Mrs. Dana

This week and next week we will be focusing on poetry. We will read the poems in our books over the next two weeks plus an assortment of poems that I have found. These will all be in a booklet that I will send home with students, including the poems from the books.

On Friday, we will have a test that will be similar to a benchmark test but will focus on a poem. Students will have their materials to read and find their answers. There will be no reading test to study for this week.

During the next two weeks we will discuss different types of poems, such as:

- ❖                   cinquains
- ❖                   diamantes
- ❖                   haikus
- ❖                   free verse
- ❖                   quatrains

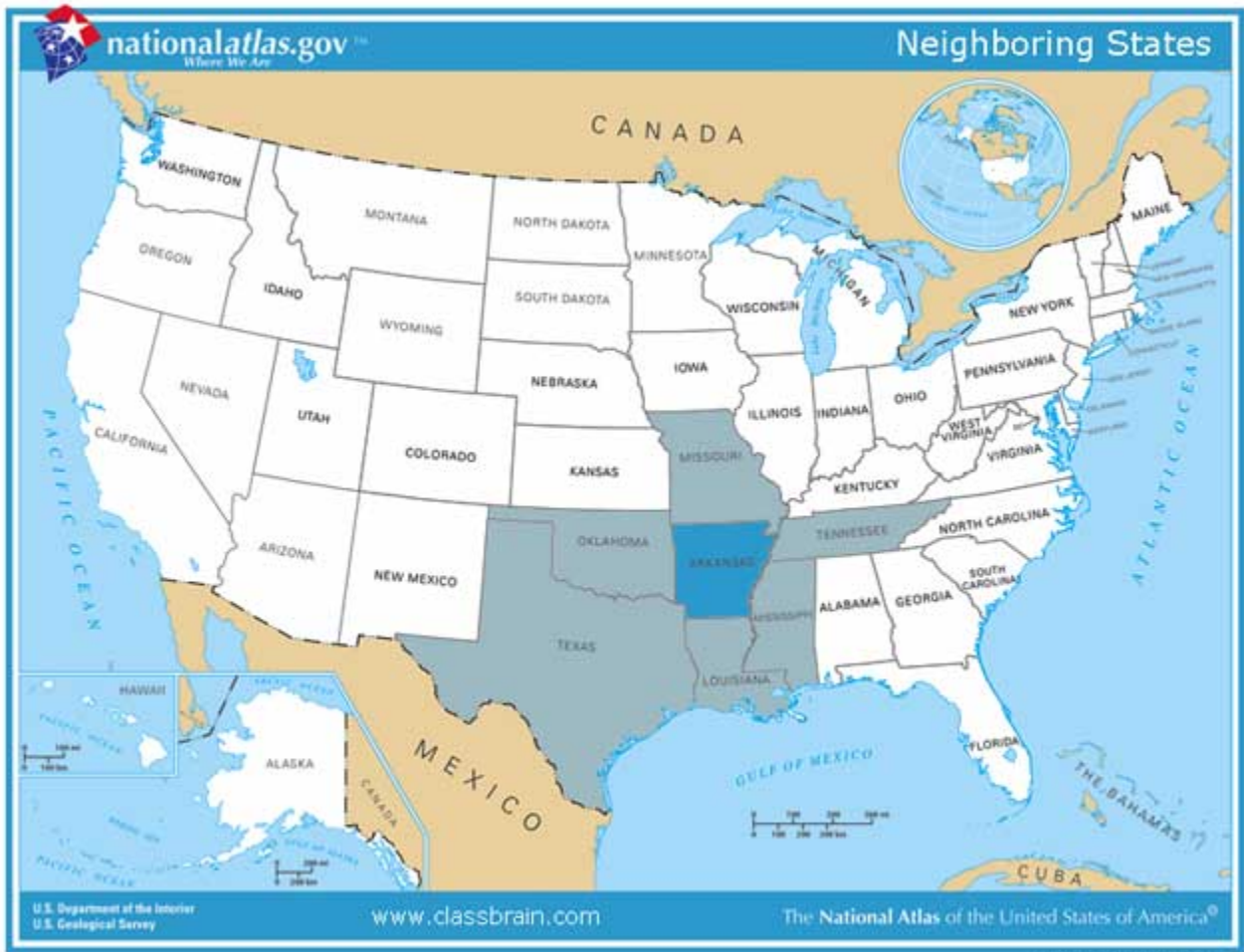
In the second week, students will work to read and identify cinquain and diamante poems.

We will also discuss the mood, theme, and tone of each poem. Next week, I will send home information about poetry that will be helpful for you and your child. I will send more information about these two types of poems in the next week.



## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

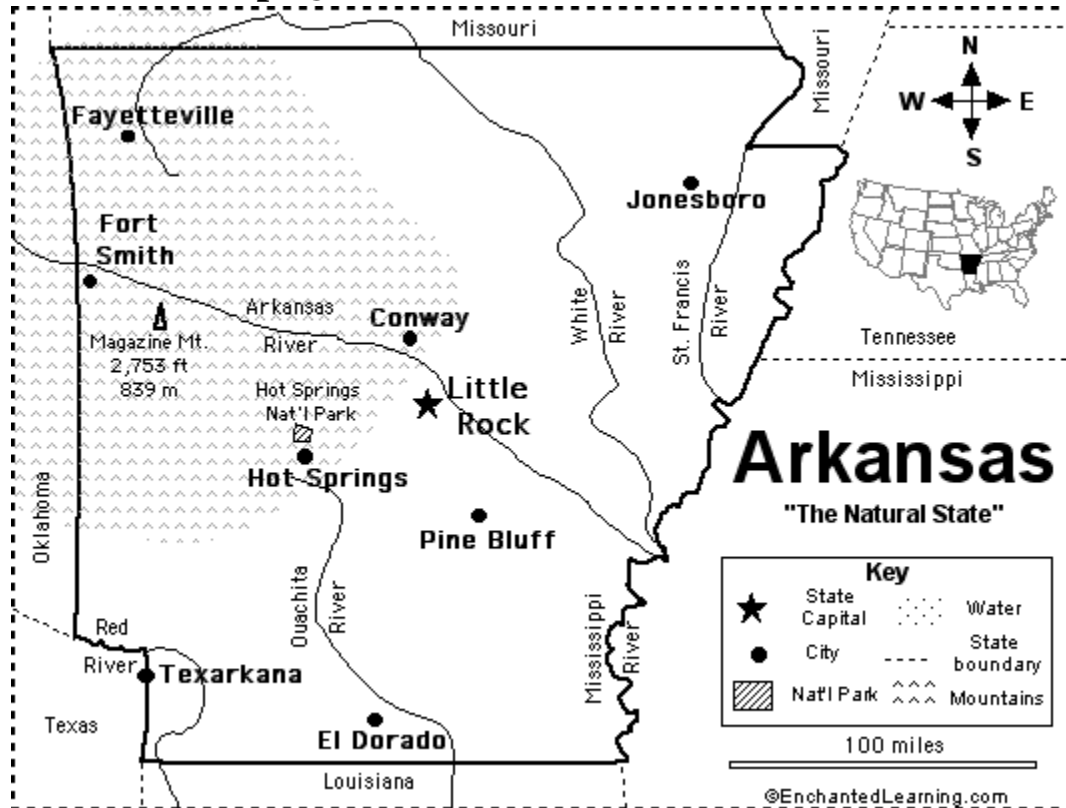
In Social Studies we will be learning more about the compass rose and the states that border Arkansas. Students will take a short quiz on Friday that will be counted as a reading grade. I have included some information with this Week Ahead for students to use as a study guide.



### **Which states border the state of Arkansas?**

Arkansas is located in the south-central portion of the United States, and it is bordered to the north by Missouri, to the east by Tennessee and Mississippi across the Mississippi River, to the south by Louisiana, and to the west by Texas and Oklahoma.

## Arkansas Map/Quiz Printout



1. What is the capital city of Arkansas?  
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2. What state borders Arkansas on the north?  
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3. What two states make up most of Arkansas' eastern border?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
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4. What state makes up most of Arkansas' southern border?  
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5. What state borders Arkansas on the southwest?  
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6. What state makes up most of Arkansas' western border?  
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7. What is the name of the river that forms Arkansas' eastern border?  
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8. What is the name of the large city on the Texas-Arkansas border?

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9. What is the National Park in central Arkansas?

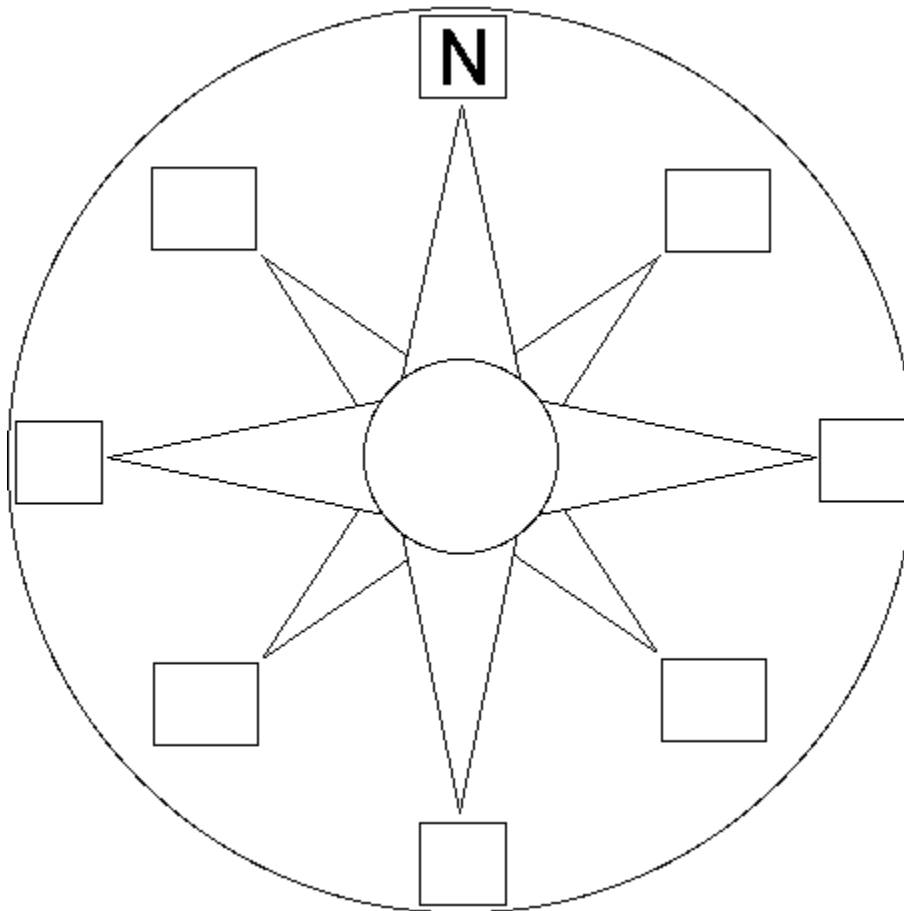
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10. What is the name of the highest point in Arkansas?

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## Compass Rose

A **compass rose** is a design on a map that shows directions. It shows north, south, east, west, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest.



On the compass rose above, only north is filled in. Fill in the rest of the directions on the compass rose, using the standard abbreviations:

N=North, S=South, E=East, W=West, NE=Northeast, NW=Northwest, SE=Southeast, SW=Southwest.

When north is at the top of the compass rose (as it often is), south is at the bottom, east is on the right, and west is on the left. Northeast is between north and east, northwest is between north and west, southeast is between south and east, and southwest is between south and west.

# Spelling Words for the Week of October 24

/e/ cvc

**next**

web

less

-ea cvvc

**eat**

heat

team

speak

clean

-ee cvvc

**seem**

keep

green

sleep

sweep

**Oddball**

been