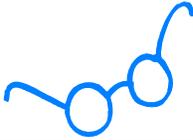
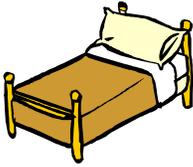


# October 2016

## Journal/Daily Writing Topics

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
<p>First Monday of the month!! What are you going to do? Write about it!!</p> 	<p>When I was little, my favorite toy was...</p> 	<p>Use these words in a story: thunder, storm, alone, night, telephone, sound</p> 	<p>Write about your favorite sport or game.</p> 	<p>If you could converse with an animal, what animal would it be and what would you say?</p> 
10	11	12	13	14
<p>About 1000 years ago Leif Ericson landed in North America. Describe what you think he might have seen.</p> 	<p>You've been in school for over a month now. Tell about one of your favorite days. What did you learn or do?</p> 	<p>Describe what Columbus might have seen as he approached land over 500 years ago! Use good words to paint a picture!</p> 	<p>Tell about something you enjoy doing after your schoolwork is finished in the afternoon.</p> 	<p>Tell about some of the ways you help at home.</p> 
17	18	19	20	21
<p>Noah Webster, dictionary writer, was born on Oct. 16, 1758. Use your dictionary to find five new words, and write sentences using them.</p> 	<p>If you could travel through time, what period, past or future, would you like to visit? Why?</p> 	<p>On this day in 1752, Ben Franklin performed his "kite in a thunderstorm" experiment. Write about thunderstorms!</p> 	<p>Create a never-before-discovered creature. Describe how it looks, what it eats, sounds it makes, etc.</p> 	<p>If asked to do so, what kind of advice would you give to a younger brother or sister?</p> 
24	25	26	27	28
<p>Recall a special time you spent with a grandparent or elderly friend.</p> 	<p>Picture yourself ten years from now. What will you look like? What will you be doing? Tell about your life!!</p>	<p>What holidays or celebrations are important to your family? What do you do on special days?</p> 	<p>In Poor Richard's Almanac, Ben Franklin wrote "Don't throw stones at your neighbor's windows if your own windows are glass." Rewrite it in your own words, telling what you think Mr. Franklin meant.</p>	<p>I would like to visit....</p> 
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<p>Under my bed...</p> 				

# CyberWriter

Hickman Charter School

## October 2016 Prompts

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**Descriptive Writing:** “Fall is in the Air...”

**List “fall” words/phrases** that describe things you perceive through each of your five senses: hear the crunching of leaves, see the colors in the leaves, smell the smoke from the neighbor’s wood stove, feel the dew on the car in the early morning, taste the flavor of a juicy apple!



**Refer to your list** as you write sentences (younger children) or paragraphs (older children) that tell about the fall season. Experienced writers: write 5 paragraphs—one for each of the sets of sense words/phrases that you listed!



**Narrative Writing:** “Journeys...”

Imagine that you are an object or an animal involved in some kind of “fall” movement: a Canadian goose flying south for the winter, a leaf being swept away by the wind, an apple on the way to market, etc. Tell of your journey.

**Expository Writing:** “On this Day...”

While the stores might have you believing that Halloween is THE day to celebrate in the month of October, a quick look through history reveals many other possible days to celebrate this month. Choose one of the suggestions, or research to find your own special topic for celebration in October, then write a brief informational paragraph(s) about the person/event you choose.



- Oct. 2, 1950: The first “Peanuts” cartoon strip, featuring Charlie Brown and Snoopy, created by Charles Schulz, was published.
- Oct. 16, 1758: Birth date of Noah Webster—“the dictionary man”
- Oct. 27, 1858: Birth date of our 26<sup>th</sup> President, Theodore Roosevelt
- Oct. 28: Anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in 1886
- Oct. 29, 1781: British officers deliver a surrender signed by General Cornwallis to American and French forces, effectively ending the Revolutionary War.



**Persuasive Writing:** “To ‘Boo’ or not to ‘Boo’...”

Soon, Halloween will be upon us. Already the signs are there: in advertisements, in store displays, even on front doors. Briefly research the history of this popular holiday. Interview friends and relatives. Then write about it, using one of the following as a thesis statement:

- I like Halloween because...
- I choose not to celebrate Halloween because...

Identify three supporting reasons, and develop each into a paragraph with detail sentences. Use an introductory paragraph to state your thesis (opinion) and finish with a summary or concluding paragraph, for a total of 5 paragraphs. Younger writers can write five sentences (introductory, 3 reasons, conclusion) as one paragraph.

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