

EL Class Update: November at a Glance



NOTE TO PARENTS

I am enjoying working with my groups of English Learners this year, and we had such a strong start to the fall semester. As we move into November, I wanted to reach out to be sure you know to contact me anytime if you ever have questions about the skills of focus during language instruction. As students grow in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, it is so rewarding for me as their teacher to see their daily projects.

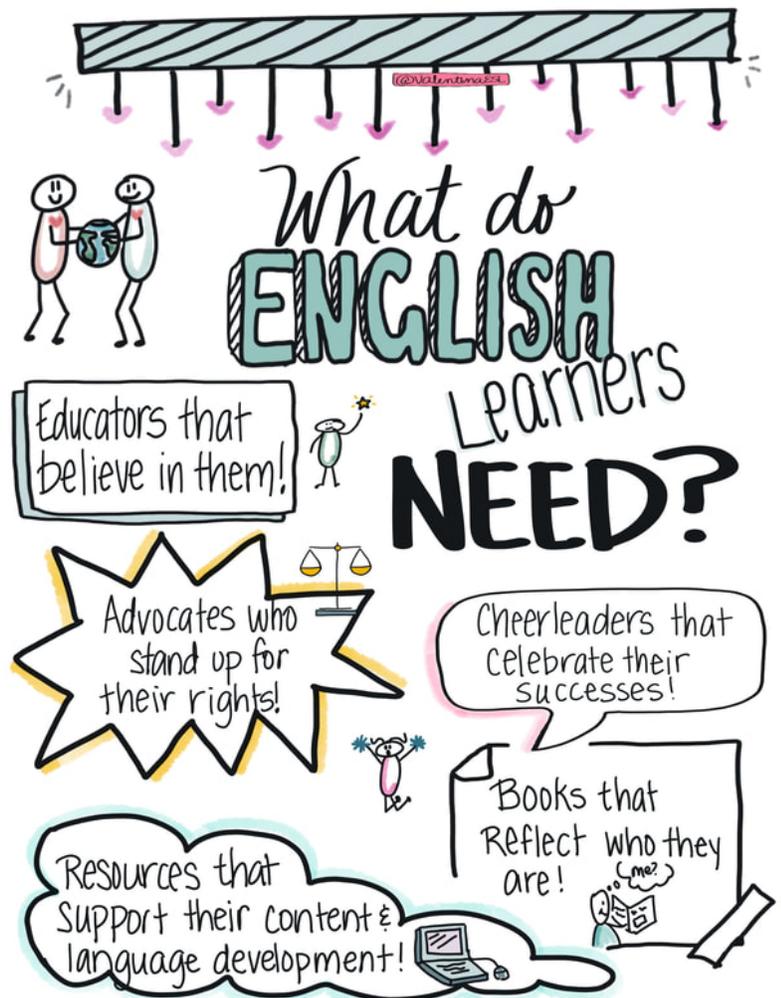
Be on the lookout for writing work samples going home! I am excited for you to see their writing and chart the improvement over the year.

Thank you for all you do for your child!

We're all in this together! [#ELinAction](#)

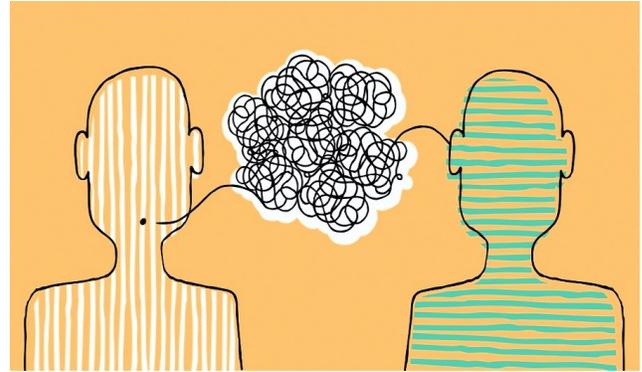
FOCUS FOR THE MONTH

During November, we will be focusing on contrasting fiction and non-fiction so students can label academic readings accordingly and also be able to form a constructive response for each type of writing style. Biographies, peer-reviewed health journals, economics, and more can be used for non-fiction. We will have an intense literature focus with a writing-specific product. As we prepare for the state language test in March, we will also take an assessment in November to see how students are progressing and what skills we should target before the big test.



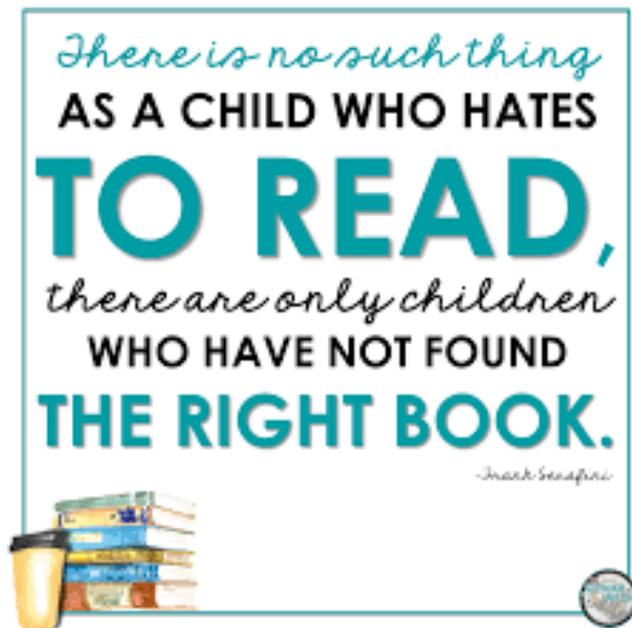
READING FOCUS

Class instruction will include standards related to fiction and non-fiction text. Can students determine a theme or central idea of text? Can they analyze details? Are students able to analyze the impact of word choice? These are all areas of our reading assignments in EL class for November.



LISTENING FOCUS

By incorporating one-on-one conversations, group discussions, and teacher modeling, students will receive practice every single day in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Can students make personal connections to others' stories? Can they listen for key details? These are common questions I check for during class to be sure students understand the language goals for the day.



WRITING FOCUS

We will be developing and strengthening the writing process during November. Students will have the opportunity to plan, revise, edit, rewrite, and type during EL class to build on their writing skills. What we work on in language helps students in all their classes!

Thank you for letting me spend time with your child every day! I love my job and am thankful to be their teacher!

