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Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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Amazing First Grade Authors

Amazing First Grade Authors have been busily writing "small moment" pieces. They learned how to zoom-in on one moment in time and stretch a personal experience across a three-page booklet. Pretending to use a zoom lens on a camera, our students focused on one tiny topic, sharing colorful details in order to paint a picture in the minds of their readers. After sharing several "small moment" read alouds including Salt Hands by Jane Chelsea Aragon, Fireflies by Julie Brinckloe, and Owl Moon by Jane Yolen, our writers have experimented with powerful words and extraordinary language to make their own pieces of writing stronger. First graders worked with partners to rehearse their stories, learning that what we share in conversations can be written down to add rich details. They learned to plan their stories by using the "touch, talk, sketch, write" technique. First graders are greatly enjoying Writer's Workshop each day!

Dates to Remember

- ❖ National Punctuation Day: Wednesday, September 24, 2014
- ❖ School Closed – Rosh Hashanah: Thursday and Friday, September 25 and 26, 2014

Have a wonderful weekend!
Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mannion, Principal