

*During the month of February, students will continue polishing their writing skills by practicing good word choice, varied sentence structure, and organization of details. They will practice writing an essay in argumentative mode in preparation for the State Writing Test.*

*We will also finish reading the novel *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* which most students seem to be enjoying a great deal. Weekly quizzes and guided discussions over the novel will continue focusing on theme, characterization, point of view, stereotypes, conflict, and the five stages of plot.*

*Spelling and vocabulary tests will continue to be given on Fridays. 20 AR points are due by March 14.*