

Fifth Grade ELA

OCTOBER Newsletter

We've had a great time reading Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea. The book actually inspired us to start going down to the Kindergarten room once a week and reading to the younger students. This is not only



helping to improve the oral reading skills of the fifth graders, but teaching them a little bit about patience and compromise! We



typically head down to the kindergarten room on Thursday afternoons.



We finished reading Because of Mr. Terupt at the very end of September just in time for an early October Skype session with its author, Rob Buyea. He was so much fun to talk to! We worked

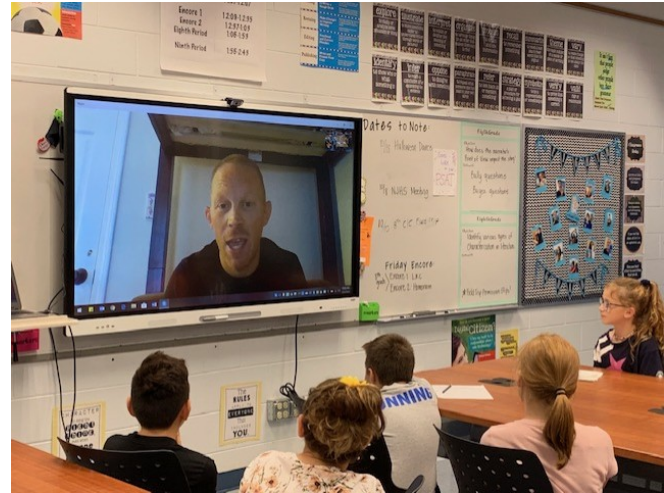


beforehand to craft questions to ask him and despite being fully prepared, a few of us were pretty nervous as we were getting ready to Skype with him.

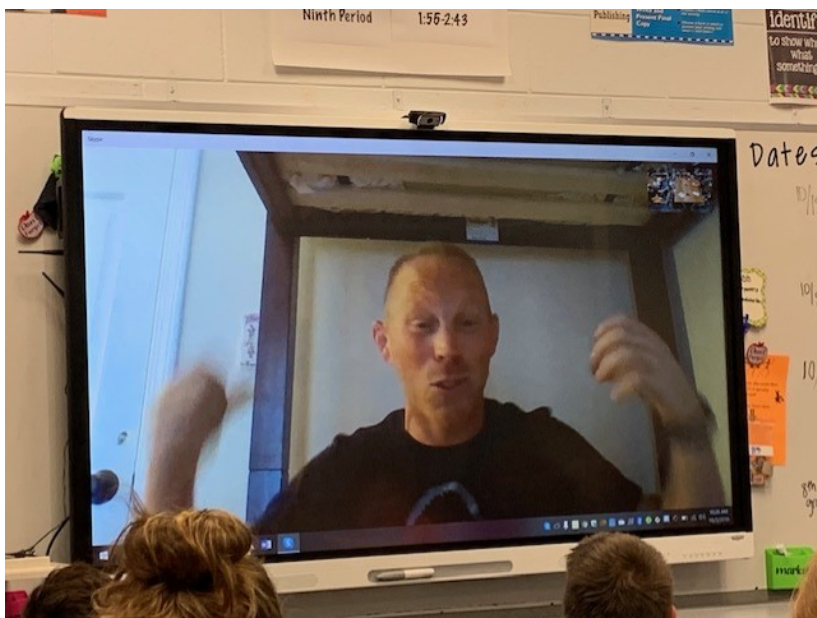
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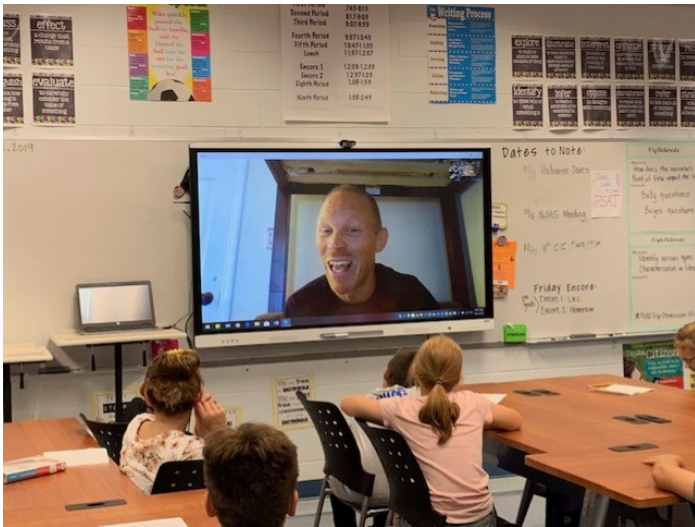
famous author is able to "join" us in class.

Everyone did such a great job choosing and



asking appropriate questions to Mr. Buyea and we're anxious to read a few other books that he's written, as well!





As October starts to wrap up, we're going to do a few Halloween-related writing assignments and begin reading our next novel, Restart by Gordon Korman. This book is about a bully who, after suffering from a head injury, wakes up forgetting many things about his life. He's surprised to find out that

he's not well-liked because he hasn't been very kind to his classmates in the past. This causes him to make the decision to "restart" his life as a better person and start being a little bit kinder to everyone. This book has sparked a lot of great discussions about bullying and what to do in the event that you are being bullied by another student.