On early release day on November 7, John Lawrence Elementary held its first “READING PALOOZA". This was a day filled with nothing but reading fun held in every class by ALL teachers. Students rotated on a schedule which involved all teachers on their hallway (kindergarten and first grade, second and third grade, fourth and fifth grade) AND included one or two special teachers. The objective for the day was to help all students learn that reading can be FUN! Activities in individual classrooms included things such as: How I Became a Pirate, Camping, sportsmanship, Bats at the Beach, Thunderstorms, Dog vs. Cat, Yams the Donkey, Giraffes Can’t Dance, Fall, Smelly Socks, Superheroes, Book with no Pictures, I Need My Monster, Veteran’s Day, Presidential Candidates, Voting Responsibly, Rain Forest, Space Exploration, poetry, baseball, Sadako, and Relax and Read. Reading Concepts included visualizing, technology, main idea, problem/solution, variety of genres, reading stress free ideas, and character traits. After seeing the children’s excitement and knowledge gained, this will be an event that will occur again at John Lawrence Elementary.

JLE Principal Ginger Crites commented, "I have had teachers, staff and parents comment about how much they liked our Reading Palooza day. My favorite part was being able to see the entire school excited about reading. I had students who were actively investigating the candidates for the presidential election, excited to read beside the 'campfire', and able to learn about thunderstorms while experiencing the sounds, wind, and water of a storm."