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2011–2012 Planning Calendar (partial, through 12/11)

Issue 1 – August

Theme: What's Old Is New

Center Stage play: "This Is Literary Idol!" Our contestants are Emily Dickinson, William Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain, and Langston Hughes

Nonfiction feature: An excerpt from Mark Twain's autobiography

Fiction feature: An excerpt from *The Raven's Bride*, by Lenore Hart, a new novel about Edgar Allan Poe

Contest announcement

LSI: Literary voice

Issue 2 – September

Theme: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Circumstances

Center Stage choral reading: "After the Hurricane," by Rita Garcia-Williams, a poem about Hurricane Katrina

Nonfiction feature: "The Real Story of Flight 93" about 9/11

Nonfiction: "Everybody's Superman"

LSI: Motif

Issue 3 – October

Theme: Strange

Center Stage play: "Juggler in The Wind," by Wim Coleman, adapted from the YA novel of the same name

Fiction feature: In the Blink of an Eye—Three flash fiction stories by Ana Maria Shua, David Lubar, and Russell Edson

Fiction feature: "There Will Come Soft Rains" by Ray Bradbury

Poetry: "Halloween" by Mac Hammond

LSI: Irony

Issue 4 – November

Theme: American Tales

Center Stage play: "Rip Van Winkle" by Washington Irving

Fiction feature: "The People Could Fly," African American folktale

Fiction feature: "Babe the Blue Ox," a Paul Bunyan folktale

Nonfiction feature / Poetry: "The History and Mystery of 'The Night Before Christmas'"

Contest announcement

LSI: Style

Issue 5 – December

Theme: Peace

Center Stage play: "War Takes a Holiday" by Jeff Ives, based on a real-life event

Fiction feature: "No Trumpets Needed," by Michael Morpurgo

Fiction feature: "Bread," by Margaret Atwood

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