March 24, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is great being back at school with my sweet class after spring break. SAT’s are just around the corner, so we had to get right back to work. I expected that the kids might be a little rusty on Monday but they were not at all. We are back in our first grade groove.

This week we learned carrying in math. We are doing more work with fractions and soon we will be solving story problems with extra facts. We have learned all the phonics charts; the phonics tests are becoming a little more difficult, so please continue practicing the charts at home. We have been working on contractions for a while, and we will have a contraction test next Wednesday. I will write 2 words on the board and the kids will have to make contractions. I will also write contractions on the board and the kids will give me the two words that make up the contraction. I will also write incorrect sentences on the board and the kids will have to use capitalization and punctuation rules (we’ve learned in Shurley English) to correct the sentences. We only have a few more spelling units left this year.

We began a study of space this week. We will have a space test in a couple of weeks. A study sheet and a work booklet will go home before the test. The kids are so enthusiastic about this unit.

This week we also had more fun with idioms. We read Merry Christmas Amelia Bedelia, thanks for sharing your book, Vera. The Amelia Bedelia books are really entertaining.

Please remember to begin reading for Read ‘n Quiz for the last nine weeks. We have the SAT test during this quarter and the library closes before the end of school for inventory, so getting an early start will really help.

Move-Up Day will be in May. The kids will get to spend about 30 minutes with Miss Adams so they will get a little taste of second grade. I think it will be a fun experience for them.

**Other Important Upcoming Dates:**

SWAG poster due Thursday (April 7th) – **Directions are on the back of this newsletter!**

April 13th - 9 passed tests (since March 12th)

April 14th - Easter party

April 15th & 18th - Easter Holiday

April 21st - Progress Reports

April 25th - April 29th - SAT week

**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Monday

Phonics due Tuesday

Chapter Check-up due Tuesday

\*Chapter 13 test in Shurley (the only new concept is that the kids have to add either their own subject or their own predicate according to the directions)

\*Contraction/sentence test Wednesday

Math worksheet due Thursday

**SWAG Poster Project:**

In Shurley English, we have learned what is needed to write a perfect sentence (capital letter, complete thought, noun, verb and an end mark). Then we added to that to make a list of things needed to make a “SWAG” sentence. We added that the sentence must be neatly written and properly spaced. We’ve been practicing, and the kids have become strong sentence writers. Our sentences are so good that they now have SWAG. In honor of becoming SWAG sentence writers, each student will make a poster.

The poster should be laid out as follows:

S- Start with a capital

W- Written neatly

A- A space between each word

G- Given punctuation at the end of a sentence

Then decorate the board in bright colors and in a creative theme covering the entire poster.

Please use a full poster board to make a poster that is colorful and is decorated in any theme your child chooses. It could have a super hero theme, a rainbow theme, a movie theme (Legos), etc.

I hope the kids will have fun and be creative with this project!

**DUE THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH!**