October 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week of learning. We did another experiment using our sense of touch to identify items in a brown bag. We’ve really enjoyed doing experiments to better understand our amazing 5 senses. This week we also wrapped up a short unit on Johnny Appleseed. Soon we will begin a history unit about the Pilgrims and Indigenous people.

We are working very hard on learning to read all directions independently and we are working on developing strong listening skills. In phonics we have been working on charts 7 & 8 and this week I will introduced chart 9. Please continue to recite the charts at home daily. The kids are writing more now and the special sounds really help them spell as they write sentences. We also use the special sounds to decode longer words when we are reading.

Please continue counting coins (pennies, nickels, dimes) and telling time with your child. We practiced counting money on the board and individually this week. We are already better at it. Our math scores have been fantastic!

Please be working with your kids on tying their shoes. Some have already mastered this skill but with a little practice we can all nail it down.

**The Foot Book Projects are due Tuesday, October 13th!**

It will be report card time soon and that usually means that it’s time for Open House. Open House will be a little different this year. Each teacher will record a short video with their students and the videos will be posted for you to watch. Our first grade video will be giving you a little taste of what we do each day in our room.

**\*\* Please remember that 18 passed Read ‘n Quiz tests are due by October 9th!**

In Bible during the month of September, we learned about the first piece of spiritual armor, the Belt of Truth. We learned the importance of knowing the Word of God and using it to battle our enemy, the devil. During October we will be studying the Breastplate of Righteousness.

The kids did a wonderful job on their September memory verse.

Please begin working on **October’s verse: Ephesians 6:13 “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”**  It will be due along with the monthly Family Bible Activity by Tuesday, October 27th.

Just a reminder, most Wednesdays your child will come home with a “math test practice sheet.” Please grade AND sign the paper if your child chooses to do the test practice. Your child will then receive a positive pat if the paper is returned on Thursday.

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**\*\*Fall Break - Oct. 16th - Oct. 19th!**

**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Monday

Reading comprehension sheet due Tuesday

Phonics worksheet due Tuesday

Math worksheet due Thursday

**Book Report due Wednesday October 12th:**

Each nine weeks the kids will be assigned a book report. They will get better and better at writing sentences, but the kids will need your help summarizing the story and writing the sentences on this first report. With your guidance and practice the students should become more able to pick out important facts and organize them. They should write a sloppy copy and then edit that draft with you before writing a perfect copy.

\*\*Please make an extra of the book report to read during the oral report.

**Shurley Review:**

Adverb questions are how, when, where

Adjective questions are what kind, which one, how many

Examples:

Two cats played happily.

What played happily? Cats, Subject Noun (SN)

What is being said about cats? Cats played, Verb (V)

Played how? Happily, Adverb (Adv)

How many cats? Two, Adjective (Adj)

Brown squirrels ran fast.

What ran fast? Squirrels, Subject Noun (SN)

What is being said about squirrels? Squirrels ran, Verb (V)

Ran how? Fast, Adverb (Adv)

What kind of squirrels? Brown, Adjective (Adj)