October 10, 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great time at our Rams’ Race last Friday! Despite the heat, I think the kids really enjoyed themselves. This week I thoroughly enjoyed The Foot Books. They were very creative and the kids did a super job sharing them.

We have been working on charts 7, 8 and 9 in phonics. We are also learning about syllables, suffixes and root words. Please continue to practice the charts at home daily.

Please continue counting coins (pennies, nickels, dimes) and telling time with your child. The kids love math and they are willing to accept challenges I give them. We continue to work on story problems and place value. I’d also like to ask you to practice the addition and subtraction facts through the 7 family. I have noticed the kids using their fingers some. It is not wrong to do that but they need to master the facts which means committing them to memory.

Please keep reading with the kids at home. Modeling reading to early readers is a very important teaching strategy so let the kids read to you but you take a turn sometimes too. The kids are beginning to read better when we read corporately, so keep up the good work.

I am so impressed with the work ALL the kids are doing on Read ‘n Quiz this quarter. The cutoff date to pass 18 tests is October 16th. Way to go, first grade Tiggers!

We are just beginning our study of the voyages of Christopher Columbus. Each student is making a booklet to reinforce our study. We also be watching a movie about his life.

We began writing our first story with a web this week. We will continue to work on the stories and you’ll get to read them during Open House. I think you’ll be impressed.

**Coming Events:**

\*October 23rd - School spelling bee at 10:15 in the little chapel

\*October 24th - Open House @ 7:00

\*November 1st- Fall Carnival

**\*Wednesday, October 16th, early start at 8:00**

**\*No Homework Help next Thursday, October 17th**

**HAPPY FALL BREAK!**

**(Friday 10/18 and Monday 10/21)**

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**Happy October Birthday-**

October 15 - Annabelle

October 16 - Laila

October 17- Skylar

**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Monday

Daily Gram due Tuesday

Phonics due Tuesday

Reading comprehension sheet due Wednesday

**Book Report due Wednesday!**

**Book Report due Wednesday October 16th:**

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.

Write a 5-7 sentence summary of the book you choose.

The attached sheet is to be used for your book report’s cover.

\*Please remember to attach the house book report cover to the book report. The house information should be complete and the house should be neatly colored.

**Grading rubric:**

Following directions and turned in on time 10 points

Project neatness and creative cover 10 points

Complete sentences/spelling 10 points

Oral report 10 points