October 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

The Rams’ Race yesterday was so much fun. Our first graders did such a great job on all the legs of the race! We went in for a short time to take our spelling test and as a little treat, we did it with the lights off (our room is bright from our windows). I love how little things make them happy.

In class, we have been working on phonics 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, it is very important. We will soon start writing our first expository story using a story web.

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. I’ve noticed that many of the kids are beginning to read better when we read corporately, so keep up the good work. At this point, the kids should be taking the Read ‘n Quiz tests completely on their own. They need to read the tests and answer the questions completely independently. It is okay to listen to your child read the books or even take turns reading some longer, more difficult books, but the tests and answers should not be read to the students.

I am so impressed with the work the kids are doing on Read ‘n Quiz this quarter. The cutoff date to pass 18 tests is October 12th.

This week I shared some precious time with the kids during Bible. I was teaching the kids about the importance of being still and quiet before the Lord. They listened so intently and then we practiced. It was so sweet how seriously that took their few quiet moments.

**This quarter’s Faith in Action Activity was due on Tuesday, October 5th! If you haven’t turned it in, please do so as this is part of your child’s Bible grade.**

**Coming Events:**

**Happy Fall Break! - Friday 10/13 and Monday 10/16**

\*October 19th- Open House @ 7:00pm (1st Quarter Report cards will be given out that night!)

\*Nov. 1st- The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

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**Homework:**

**Spelling worksheet due Monday**

**Phonics due Tuesday**

**\*Shurley English Test Wednesday- we have learned article adjectives**

**Paper Bag Book Report is due next Wednesday, October 11th**

**Math worksheet due Thursday**

**18 Read ‘n Quiz books are due by next Thursday**