October 6, 2022

Dear Parents,

This week we started a history unit on the voyages of Christopher Columbus and Indigenous people. 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, 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. 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 ALL the kids are doing on Read ‘n Quiz this quarter. The cutoff date to pass 18 tests is today. Way to go, first grade Tiggers!

**Coming Events:**

**Happy Fall Break! - Friday 10/7 and Monday 10/10**

\*October 20th- Open House @ 7:00pm (1st Quarter Report cards will be given out that night!)

**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Tuesday

Phonics due Tuesday

Math worksheet due Thursday

Columbus worksheets due Thursday

**Foot Book reading project due Tuesday, October 18th. (Directions are on the back of this page.)**

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**Foot Book Project:**

**Due Oct. 18th**

Dr. Seuss books are a fun way to practice rhyming words and word families.

The Foot Book is such a fun Dr. Seuss book, so each student will make one of their own for a reading project. Simply use the attached patterns or create your own, then place them on a page and label them with rhyming words ex.: fast feet, last feet/ fun feet, sun feet etc. Decorate each page to match the labels you choose. The book must be at least six pages long but may be longer if you start having fun and you just can’t stop yourself! Be creative and see what happens when you use your imagination. Parents may help, but please be sure the ideas are your student’s. The books will be due October 18th. I have examples of books in my room that I will be sharing with the kids.