September 7, 2023

Dear Parents,

We listened to some wonderful speeches given by the SGA candidates on Wednesday. They were all well-prepared and had great ideas. Our first graders did a great job listening and then voting for the candidates whose ideas they liked the best. We are continuing to classify nouns, verbs and now adverbs in Shurley English. This week we began a five senses unit. Science is fun, so I think the kids will enjoy it.

I can tell some of you have been doing extra work at home, and the extra effort shows. We have had a few rewards for hard work this week. We have had stinky feet math, we sang the “Elvis song,” and some have earned a sprinkler cheer!

We are spending some time writing sentences. It won’t be long until we’ll be working on creative writing. It is time consuming and difficult for students at first, but it is one of the skills you see a huge improvement in during the first grade year. When I assign sentences for homework, please help your students but don’t spell for them. Encourage them to listen for beginning sounds, vowel sounds, special sounds and ending sounds that they have learned in phonics. The kids will be amazed by what they can spell when they really try.

Please note that when Daily Grams are sent home you may see concepts on them that have not been thoroughly covered in class yet. The kids are simply being exposed to concepts that they will master later.

Please keep reading daily at home. It is important to read orally with your child. We are doing a lot of corporate reading in class and most of the kids are also reading directions independently now. I am always there to help, but I encourage them to try to decode and read on their own when possible.

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**Homework:**

Spelling worksheet due Monday

Write 5 sentences using spelling words due Tuesday

Phonics worksheet due Wednesday

Math worksheet due Thursday

**Please continue to work on your Number Project, which is due 9/12**

**September’s Bible verse is due 9/26:**

Romans 5:2-

“Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of underserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.”

Students need to be able to recite last month’s verse + this month’s verse together!

\*\* 18 passed Read ‘n Quiz tests are due on 10/12.