

January 17, 2012

Dear First Grade Families:

**Book It!**

It is very important that all first graders read for Book It! It does not benefit your child to read only at the end of the month to meet the requirement. Consistent and nightly reading practice is the key to your child becoming a good reader. The goal for January is 16 books. Book It! is due on Tuesday, January 31. We need to work together to earn the pizza party in April.

**Homework**

We are beginning a new unit in reading. I have always told both the first graders and you, their parents, that we have flexible grouping during reading. Following two short vowel phonetic tests, the end of unit test, and after looking at the results of the weekly sight word tests, I am going to make changes in most of the groups. Please remember that the groups are flexible and could change again during the unit or at the end of the unit depending on student achievement, scores, and effort. As a result, don't forget to continue to work on basal vocabulary words, as well as the list words in your WE PRACTICED packets. Several students have mastered all 11 sight word lists. This week the students are working on the different sounds of "y" in spelling. The words are:

my by try any body fly cry lucky silly puppy \*things \*always

The \* words are sight words and may need additional practice.

In math we are beginning to tell time to the hour and half hour as well as continuing to work on addition to 12.

**Sharing**

January 18-20: "winter". The students can share about weather, arctic animals, migration, hibernation, clothing, or activities that people do only in the winter. Tuesday sharers will share on Friday due to the Monday holiday.

January 24-26: "science". The students can pick from life, earth, physical science and share any three facts on a given topic.

January 31-February 2: "free choice".

Have a great week,  
Becky Clift