

September 19, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

Thank You!

Thank you to all parents who volunteered in the classroom this week. Your support for your child and the first grade class is wonderful.

Academic News

In math we have completed the first chapter. Attached to this letter is your student's chapter pre-test and post-test. **The post-test is the test that shows student growth.** In general, the class did very well during testing. We will continue to learn how to show work during problem solving.

In our next math unit, the students will begin working on strategies and problem solving skills for addition. Attached you will find strategies that will be taught, practiced, and developed at school **to help your student add without using fingers.** Any additional practice you can provide at home in the use of these strategies will be greatly appreciated.

Also, attached is the first spelling test. Every student did a fantastic job! The set up of the paper for the first test is actually more difficult than the actual spelling of the words. This week's spelling words are:

**in it did sit six fix lip mix pin wig *and
*take**

In the **We Practiced** bags, most students will find words for the story, **Pig in a Wig**, stapled on top of last week's words from, **Sam, Come Back!** Some students may need to continue to practice short a words but most students need to transition to the short i words. **Phonetic tests will be conducted on Mondays (short a words this week) and Sight Word tests will be conducted on Wednesdays.** The results of the sight word tests will also be sent home to you on Wednesdays.

All students need to practice and know his/her home address this week.

Fun Run

Many of the first graders have earned a Fun Run t-shirt. If your student has not, it is not too late. If you have questions or have a student who needs to write letters at school, please let me or the Development Office know as soon as possible. **The next Fun Run t-shirt day is Friday, September 23rd.** Students may wear jeans, jean shorts or uniform pants or shorts with the shirt.

The FUN RUN is Wednesday, October 5th. First graders need to wear the black fun run t-shirt, running pants or shorts and tennis shoes with socks the day of the Fun Run. You are very welcome to come and cheer us on!

Welcome Back Spaghetti Feed

The Welcome Back Spaghetti Feed is Wednesday, September 21, from 6:00-7:30 in the gym.

Thanks, again, for your wonderful support,
Becky Clift