

September 12, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

Thank You!

I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered during the first grade assessment, attended the Back-to-School Open House and signed up to volunteer in the classroom. Thanks for your gift of time, patience, and energy. **If you would like to volunteer, I still have spaces available every other Wednesday and on Thursday.**

Assessment

The assessment gave me a starting point for both reading and math. If there are possible academic concerns, I will be contacting parents next week for an informal conference. **Please help your child practice his/her address for the sharing portion of Morning Meeting.**

Homework

First grade families will notice a bag of cards labeled: **We Practiced!** With practice, these words will help your child build and retain reading vocabulary. The words on the sheet of paper are phonetic vocabulary for the weekly story. The banded packet of cards are readiness and list words which are sight words. Please practice both with your child, sign and date the next available line and have your child return the cards to school the following day for a sticker.

The first spelling test is this Friday. The students will begin by learning 10 basic short "a" phonetic words and 2 sight words for the test. The spelling words for this week are:

at can cat back dad am bat mad ran sack
***way *on**

Students will normally have spelling homework on Mondays, as well as, spelling and math homework on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. **Please sign or initial all homework in the top right corner as being completed.**

Fun Run

The Fun Run is off to a great start but every family needs to help! When your child has completed his/her ten Fun Run letters they can be turned in at the classroom. If you are having trouble finding enough sponsors, please contact me or the Development Office. **The next Fun Run T-shirt day is Friday, September 16.** The Fun Run is Wednesday, October 5.

Have a great week,
Becky Clift

During the next three weeks, students need to know and be able to recite their home address, phone number and birth date. Please detach and return this form so I know the preferred phone number and address for your child.

Student Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Birthdate _____