

September 26, 2011

Dear First Grade Families:

### **Field Trip News**

The first grade and kindergarten classes will visit Carver Farms in the Spokane Valley on Thursday, October 6th. The cost of the field trip is \$6.00 per student and/or chaperone. The field trip includes a walk through a corn maze, picking Indian corn, a hayride and visit to the pumpkin patch and a treat. A yellow permission slip is attached.

**Please sign both the front AND back of the permission slip. Monies MUST be returned with the permission slip. Please mark the permission slip if you are available to drive. Each student will need a permission slip and a car/booster seat to attend. All students will be wearing uniforms for the field trip. We will leave at approximately 12:15. All drivers will need to be at school by 12:00. Drivers also must have an updated code of conduct, and copies of driver's license and proof of insurance registered with Mrs. Matsch in the school office.**

### **Fun Run**

The next Fun Run t-shirt day is Friday, September 30. Students also need to wear the t-shirt with jeans or running shorts or pants and tennis shoes for the Fun Run on Wednesday, October 5. The first graders run between 9:15 – 9:45. Please come and cheer us on or even volunteer to count laps.

### **Book It!**

Book It! is an at-home reading incentive program which runs from October through March. You and your child need to read **twelve (12) books at home during the month of October**. You may read the books to your child or your child may read the books to you. When your family has reached the goal of twelve books, please return the reading log to school. I will give your child a certificate for a **free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut. It is very important that all first graders participate in Book It! each and every month**. If the class makes their monthly goal for all six months, they will earn a class pizza party in April. I hope we can work together to earn the pizza party.

### **See Saw Book Order**

Thank you for your last See Saw book order. With the last order the class earned 10 free books. If you would like to order this month, please return the order form and money by Thursday, October 6. All checks need to be made out to: **Scholastic Books. If you would prefer to order online, you may do so at [www.scholastic.com/bookclubs](http://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs). If this is your first order you will need to use access code: GKGG2.**

### **Homework**

Thank you to all families who return the daily homework. Parents need to sign or initial all homework (even math!) in the top right corner. Although I explain the homework to the students, many are completing the homework at Educare and need additional explanation and to have the homework checked by an adult once the homework arrives at home.

The **WE PRACTICED** bags have the vocabulary for this week's reading selection called **The Big Blue Ox** stapled on the top. The spelling words for this week also come from **The Big Blue Ox**:

**mom hot hop pot pop ox lock mop got rock \*help \*use \*take**

Please note the word "take" again this week. More than 50% of the class missed this spelling word so we will practice it again this week.

**Students need to be able to recite their phone number this week!**

**Thank you, Becky Clift**

