

**Homework** Your child is bringing their homework packet home today, and it is due back on Friday. Homework is not meant to be hard, it is a review of our concepts. Please study the spelling words on the front page as well and read at least 15 minutes nightly. The kids will be tested on Friday!

<u>Snacks</u> Please send your child with a snack daily.

**<u>Reading</u>** This week our theme story is <u>What is a Pal?</u> This story is all about being a good friend, and it is an informational text. The kids will learn about the main idea and discuss details & summarize.

<u>Grammar</u> This week we will introduce nouns and identify nouns in our stories!

**Spelling** Our sound this week is working with the short vowel, a. We will be doing word sorts, making words, rainbow spelling, and we'll play spelling sparkle for review. Our first spelling test will be on Friday, and it will include 6 words. Spelling words: **am**, **at**, **sat**, **man**, **dad**, **mat**. There will be 3 challenge words: **dash**, **that**, & **flat**. Please work with your child on their words using them in sentences so they understand the word. Remember, the goal is for your child to remember how to spell these words and use them in writing regularly, **not** just to memorize them.

<u>Writing</u> We will be introducing FUNdations to the students. We will work on identifying lines and making letter formations correctly within the lines \*Refer to your homework folder for the correct letter formations.

<u>Math</u> This year we will be using a math program called <u>My Math</u>. We will be working on addition concepts in this unit.

add to join together sets to find the total or sum plus (+) the sign to show addition 4 + 5 = 9equals (=) having the same value as or is the same as 2 + 4 = 6addition number sentence 3 + 2 = 5Part Part whole



<u>Social Studies</u> This week our theme is friendship, and we will be doing many activities across the curriculum to learn about being a good friend.

<u>1st grade T-shirt design contest</u>! Your child will be bringing home a blank t-shirt paper. He or she can draw a design. We will pick one winner from the entire 1st grade. We will use this design to make real t-shirts to wear on our field trips. <u>Designs are due by Friday, July</u> <u>30<sup>th</sup>.</u>

## **Carpooling**

Please consider carpooling with friends as it will help with traffic before and after school.

**Routines & Behavior** We have been working very hard establishing routines and being responsible 1<sup>st</sup> graders, following rules! This takes some time, and the kids are doing a great job so far! Don't forget to look in your child's homework for their STOP LIGHT report. This will let you know how your child is doing with behavior and following rules during the school day. Please discuss with your child his/her behavior everyday. Green is a fabulous color to be on...a student needs to go above and beyond to earn blue.

**Specials & Homework Folders** Don't forget your child's specials calendar was sent home with a cute handprint. You can, also, see all our calendars for the year on our website. Make sure your child is dressed for PE and has tennis shoes to wear. Please remind your child to bring his/her homework folder to school everyday. Your child needs it at school in order fill out his/her "stop light" report and take home important papers.

**FORMS** Please send the forms I gave you on Meet the Teacher night back ASAP.

## Important Dates to Remember

July 29<sup>th</sup> – PTO Bahama Buck Restaurant Night July 30<sup>th</sup> – T-shirt design due Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting – library Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences, Early Release days, PTO Subway & Zoyo Restaurant Night



## Have a super week!

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"Never let a day pass without saying an encouraging word to a child." ~Ruth Graham Bell