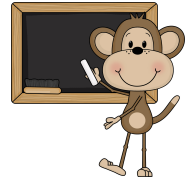


Martin's Monkey Memo

Friday, September 6, 2013



Look what's swingin' in our classroom:

Wow! What a great first week of first grade! The students are doing a fabulous job adjusting to the school schedule. We have been very busy, and I am sure you have noticed that by the end of the day, we are exhausted!

This week has been filled with many school rules and procedures. In our class, we have emphasized being bucket fillers and making good choices. After reading the book, Have You Filled A Bucket Today?, we discussed what it meant to be a bucket filler. Bucket fillers make other people feel good. They do that by using kind words, caring, including others, sharing, helping, or simply smiling. We have also talked about making good choices. Good choices include sitting criss-cross applesauce, keeping hands in our laps, using Whole Body Listening, following directions, being a good friend, etc. The kids seem to love earning tickets and moving their clip up for being bucket fillers and making good choices. If your child tells you that they earned a ticket or moved their clip up that day, please ask them **why**. It is important that they recognize the good choices they are making!

Thank you for your help and support at home. Your child will greatly benefit from your involvement.

The first week was a success! I look forward to what next week has to bring. Happy Weekend!

-Miss Martin

Save The Date:

*September 11- DIBELS testing

A Mini Memo:

*Thank you so much for donating snacks and materials to our classroom. We are incredibly grateful!

*Attached to our newsletter is a friendly resource to help build reading and math skills at home. Please feel free to use this throughout the year.

Coming Up Next Week:

Star Student Of The Week:

Miss Martin

Our Learning Targets:

*Science: I can sort objects by their properties

*Writing: (This week we will be doing several writing assessments and practices)

*Math: I can visualize and represent numbers 1-10. I can add and subtract within 8

*Reading: I can find 3 ways to read a book

Popcorn Words: at, up, to, a, see

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