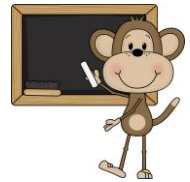


Martin's Monkey Memo

Friday, October 4, 2013

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Look what's swingin' in our classroom:

It has been a wonderful week of reading in first grade! We are up to 17 minutes of Read to Self during our Daily 5 time. I am so proud of the kiddos in our classroom! We are very close to reaching our goal of 20 minutes.

We began picking books from our Just Right Library this week as well. We have developed a great routine for choosing the best fit book for us. Thank you for taking the time to read each night with your child and for returning their JRL bag every day. I greatly appreciate your help.

In addition to our JRL bags, our BOOK-IT program began this week at home. First graders are asked to read at least 20 books each month (please choose books other than their JRL books) to receive a free, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza from Pizza Hut. Yummy! Please know that this is considered homework and will be due at the end of each month. If you did not receive a Read-A-Loud Chart, please let me know. We found an extra on the floor and I don't want anyone to miss out on this exciting opportunity!

Please continue practicing your child's Popcorn Words at home. When they are able to read all of them, send the list in for a special certificate and a new list of words. It is our goal to know the first 22 Clay Words by November. Thank you!

Thanks again for your involvement with school at home. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great weekend!

-Miss Martin

Save The Date:

*October 5- Dancing With The Teachers

*October 11- Book Orders Due

A Mini Memo:

Volunteers Needed ☺

*Interested in helping in our classroom? We are in need of one parent every morning from 9:45-10:10 to read with students one-on-one. Please e-mail me if you are interested in helping. We'd love to share our great reading with you!

Coming Up Next Week:

Star Student ☺ Of The Week:

Taylor Venema

Our Learning Targets:

***Reading:** I can use our Beanie Strategies to read a book (Parents- Beanie Strategies are on the back side of this page.)

***Writing:** I can celebrate qualities of writing, I can identify readable and unreadable writing, I can give kind compliments and suggestions to my partner

***Spelling:** I can spell the words of, a, to

***Math:** I can represent, solve, and write subtraction problems and equations

***Social Studies:** I can identify a family

Popcorn Words: of, come, am, like, have

Word Families: -ot, -op, -ox

Sound: /o/, x

Word Endings: -ed, -ing

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