Dear Families,

We had another busy week in first grade even though we only had 4 days. We continued learning about the octopus in reading. The students wrote their own octopus story and looked up facts on their iPads. We also practiced putting octopus words in ABC order. You may have noticed that your child brought home a small stuffed animal. This gift was from Ms. Hakensen, one of our reading volunteers.

During writing we learned about writing book recommendations. The students practiced writing a summary of a book as well as writing their opinion. They also did some free-write writing. Next week we will begin working on writing realistic fiction stories.

During math we practiced counting change including quarters as well as telling time to 5-minute intervals. We will take unit 6 math test next week. We have also been focusing on learning subtraction facts. It would be helpful for you to have your child practice the fact triangles at home.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday on Monday, March 2. Your child may wear their pajamas. They may also wear a hat and/or bring a small stuffed animal. Of course, this is completely optional. We will be reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books on that day. We’ll even do a special art project!

Looking Ahead:
2/26- School Spirit Day-Beach Day- (no swimsuits-😊)
2/27- Walking field trip to the public library- (1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.). *volunteers needed
3/6- No School- conference prep day
3/18-3/19- Evening Conferences (Please return the conference note if you haven’t already.)
3/20 - No School- day conferences
3/28-4/5 Spring break
4/6- School resumes
4/8- Field trip to the Children’s Museum (9:30-12:30)- *volunteers needed
4/10- No School- (professional development day)

Specialists- Week of Feb. 24
Monday- phy.ed.
Tuesday- library/science
Wednesday- music
Thursday- art/active inquiry
Friday- phy.ed.

Wish List-
*snacks for the class supply-
(pretzels, crackers, fruit snacks, graham crackers, granola bars, etc.)
*pencil top erasers

Have a great weekend,
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