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**Spelling Words** Our first spelling list came home today! This list might be challenging for some of your children. It might take some of them several tests to figure out the best ways to study and retain their words. Try the Tic-Tac-Toe form! This is all part of the Growth Mindset.

**Spelling Tic-Tac-Toe** The Spelling Tic-Tac-Toes are made to help give the children and families some new and fun ways to practice their spelling words. **If you are short on time you DO NOT have to do them exactly how they are written or in a tic-tac-toe order**. If you did something else just X off one and write in what was done at home. Evidence shows that children who manipulate with their hands are more likely to retain and use the words they are spelling later in the week and life. We are just trying to keep spelling fun and help them think outside the box! Thanks for your hard work!!! If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call! These are always due on Fridays.

**Reading Logs** Due on Friday!

**Tic-Tac-Toe** Due on Friday!

**Class T-Shirts** Please have the paper and money turned in by Wednesday!

**Field Trip** Please have permission slips and money turned in by Friday, September 1st.

**Web Page** **Not sure what happened but my webpage reverted to last school year! I am in the process of fixing it. So if you have been there this year, I am slowly getting things fixed. This is a safe place for the kids to play games, do brain breaks, watch learning videos, and see themselves in pictures. As a parent, you will**  **find reading logs, spelling tic-tac-toe forms, pictures of your children at school, newsletters, informational packets, safe and educational website for your children, and much more. I update it weekly!!!**

**Box Tops** Please collect box tops for our classroom challenge from PTA all school year!

**Flashlight Fridays** If you are able, please send in a working flashlight for Flashlight Fridays! During Accelerated Reading your child will be able to use their flashlight while they read their book as long as they are READING. This gives them something to look forward to and makes learning FUN!

**Ready Math** Your child will be coming home with Ready Math pages daily. These have been done in class and are required by our curriculum to ensure they are getting the 1st grade standards covered. Every 1st grade room does these as part of their math. I know and realize these are not challenging at times for your children. We will be spending a portion of our Math block on these lessons but devoting other time to different/challenging After we take our Star Math tests we will be differentiating math for each child during math time through the use of Accelerated Math, IXL, 50 in a Minute, and my own math curriculum.

**Remind** Please join the Remind with your phone to receive important dates or reminders for your children if you haven’t’ already.

**SeeSaw** Please join SeeSaw with your phone as well to receive pictures of our activities throughout the school week. Sometimes the kids will even work on skills and you will know exactly what they know or need to improve on. This is a great way to get your kids to say more than “School was fine or good!”

**Stoplight Charts** Please check and sign your child’s stoplight chart each night. We will form a routine to fill out their agenda book daily, but they will be responsible for filling them out daily. I will collect them on Fridays so they don’t come up missing over the weekend.

**School Treats** Unfortunately we are no longer allowed to permit homemade treats at school. Due to all the allergies and health concerns of our students the nutrition labels must accompany any treats you might bring to school for birthdays or parties. Cupcakes and cookies are still fine to bring but we would encourage you to bring healthy snacks as well. Some examples might be cheese and crackers, cereals, carrots and dip, etc.

**Lessons of the Week –**

**Reading** Deeper into the Reading Strategies

**Writing** What is Writer’s Workshop and beginning 20 day Launch

**Grammar** None

**Spelling** Variety of Sight Words

**Math** Ready Math Lessons, IXL, Accelerated Math, Calendar, 50 in a Minute, Think Math, and Today’s Number

Have a Spectacular Week, Mrs. Muzek