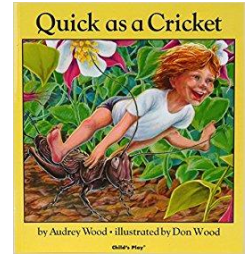


First Grade Reading, Writing, & Word Work


September 13, 2017



Dear First Grade Families,

Our class is having a great time reading and writing in first grade! During the next two weeks, we will be reading about characters who are getting to know more about themselves and others. First while reading *Jack's Talent*, the students will be introduced to a class full of characters with unique talents--just like our first graders! Then while reading *Quick as a Cricket* and *When I Was Little*, the students will compare and contrast characters' feelings and how they change and grow. We will also continue to learn more about each other and what makes us special.

Have a great week!
Lynn Chambers

Word Wall Words		Spelling Words		Vocabulary Words	
<u>9/11-9/17</u> the too and he a I	<u>9/18-9/24</u> you it of in was said	<u>9/11-9/17</u> had sad bag hit fix lip	<u>9/18-9/24</u> beg bug set led gum sun	shy tame compare opposite connect talent handful	
<u>Reading Strategies</u> Check for Understanding- Stop and talk about important events/information while you are reading. Compare and Contrast- Discover the ways that authors show how people and things are the same and different. Text-to-Self Connections- Relate to the story using your own experiences.		<u>Writing</u> We are writers in first grade! Our class is working on getting our Writing Workshop up and running. The children are also learning that their lives are full of interesting stories to tell. They will begin writing some of these stories in our upcoming unit called Small Moments . 		<u>Activities to Do Together</u> Help your child practice reading, writing, and spelling the word wall words and spelling words. Have your child tell you a story about the first days in first grade. Set up your reading routine. Find a comfy spot. Where will you read? What time works best for you? Who will you read with and what will you talk about? Come to class ready to share your plan.	

Dear Room 127 Families,

On the back of this page is our classroom news related to the reading, writing, and word work that we will focus on during the next two weeks. This news will be sent home to you every other week throughout the school year.

You will notice that the boys and girls have two sets of word wall words and spelling words. On Mondays, the children will be tested on twelve words – six word wall words and six spelling words from the previous week.

The vocabulary word list consists of words that the children will encounter when we are reading and discussing books together as a class. Throughout the weeks, the children will work with the words. I also encourage you to use these words with your child at home.

Please contact me by phone or email if you have any questions about our first grade literacy work.

Sincerely,
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Please help your child to choose a special photo to share at school. The photo may include family members, pets, or special friends. The students will share them during our morning meetings. Then, we will place them around our classroom to remind us of our loved ones. I will make sure that these photos are well cared for and will return them to you at the end of the school year. Thank you for sharing!



Reminder
Picture Day is
on Monday,
September
18th!