**SHARING**

Children can bring or tell us about a favorite gift for sharing this week.

Next week sharing will focus on patterns. Children should bring something with a pattern.

**SPELLING**

We are back to regular spelling this week. The condensed version of the homework appears below.

**Monday**: Cut, sort, explain

**Tuesday**: Sort and write

**Wednesday**: Adult reads, child writes in correct category, fix as needed

**Thursday**: Sort, glue, add two

 We’ll test on the words on Friday.

**SWIMMING**

 We’ll be swimming in school on Wednesday. Please send your child to school with suit and a towel. Thanks!

**WINTER ATTIRE**

 Please be sure your child is coming to school dressed to be outside for at least 20 minutes. We go outside after lunch every day unless it is raining or colder than -10°F. Children don’t have much fun if they have freezing hands or ears.

**NAMES, NAMES, NAMES!**

I also need some assistance with winter gear. It would be great if all snow pants could have your child’s name or initials written on the tag in them. I think we have about 12 pairs of black snow pants. The same thing is true of gloves and mittens. Thanks!

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

 We’ll be figuring out practice days this week so that we can begin afterschool practices next week. With the earlier battle dates, we don’t have much time this year. Look for a letter to come home either later this week or with next week’s bulletin.

**MATH**

 Kindergarteners will be focusing on their teen numbers in math this week.

 Students doing first grade math continue their chapter on place value. They’ll also be practicing skip counting by fives.

 Students doing second grade math are testing on their addition chapter today. Their next chapter covers subtraction with three-digit numbers.

 Third graders continue to practice their basic multiplication and division facts.

 Students doing fourth grade math will be working with input/output boxes and also learning about the order of operations.

 Nevaeh will be learning how division with decimals works.

 Michael will test on his fraction chapter this week. His next unit will be about data collection and analysis.