**SHARING**

Sharing this week is Children’s Choice.

Next week sharing will be related to the 100th day of school. Children should bring a collection of 100 of something.

**REMINDER**

 Please turn in book orders by this Friday, January 25th. Thanks!

**SPELLING**

 Due to the short week students will not have spelling homework.

**SWIMMING**

 Both Lisa Stanish and Mr. Hinds will be away from school on Wednesday so we will not be swimming. Children will not need swim gear.

**ASSESSMENTS**

 We worked hard on assessments last week. Children who were not absent only have one more test to do. They’ll be doing that during reading time this morning.

 We had many children absent last week. We’ll be working hard to get those missed assessments completed early this week. The window closes this Friday.

**UKULELES**

We are still missing a few ukuleles. Please get those turned in as soon as possible.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

 We’ll have Battle of the Books practice after school today and tomorrow until 4:00 for third and fourth graders. Fifth graders will practice after school until 4:00 on Thursday.

 Our official team can only be comprised of three students with an alternate. We’ll hold our in-school battle Friday afternoon to select our third and fourth grade team and an alternate.

**BEE SEASON**

 Our school spelling bee will be held next Tuesday afternoon, January 29th, beginning at 2:15. Our school geography bee will take place on Thursday afternoon, January 31st, beginning at 2:15.

 Students in grades four through eight are eligible to participate in the bees. In my classroom, I require students to participate in at least one of the two bees. They can choose which one. They are also very welcome (and encouraged) to participate in both if they like!

 We’d love to see you in the audience supporting our contestants!

**HEALTH**

 Kindergarteners will be learning about their five senses in health.

 First graders will learn about the human body in general.

 Phoenix will be learning about the human heart.

 Third graders will focus on their eyes.

 Fourth graders will study teeth.

 Fifth graders will learn about the brain and the nervous system.

**ART**

 In art students are learning about Brazilian artist Romero Britto. He produces very bright and cheery art with a distinctive style.