**SHARING**

Our sharing topic this week is related to the 100th day of school (Thursday). Children should bring a collection of 100 of something. It would be great if the collection could stay at school until Friday.

Sharing next week will be Children’s Choice.

**SPELLING**

Your first through fifth grader has spelling attached. 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 have swim lessons this Wednesday. Please send your child to school with swim wear and a towel.

**ASSESSMENTS**

 We completed all required assessments! I’ll discuss results with you at February conferences.

**UKULELES**

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

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

 Michael and Nevaeh will have their final practice after school today. Their competition day is Thursday. They’ll have four battles. Their opponents will be Cooper Landing and Sterling in the first battle, Soldotna Montessori in the second battle, Fireweed Academy in the third battle, and Seward Elementary in the fourth battle.

 The third and fourth grade team will have their final practice after school on Tuesday. Their competition will take place on Wednesday. They’ll face Homer Connections in their first battle, K-Beach Elementary in their second battle, Soldotna Montessori in the third battle, and Nikiski North Star Elementary in their last battle.

 Good luck to both teams!

**BEES**

 Our school spelling bee will be held this Tuesday afternoon beginning at 2:15. Our school geography bee will take place this Thursday afternoon beginning at 2:15. We’d love to see you in the audience supporting our contestants!

**SCIENCE**

 We have begun the process of turning the mezzanine above the pool into our greenhouse. Last week students began planting seeds and started their planting logs. We are very curious to see how the high heat and chlorine smell affect plant growth.

**SUBSTITUTE**

 I’ll be out of the classroom Tuesday morning to attend a Skype training session. Allison Miller will be my substitute. The students are becoming very comfortable with seeing her as another teacher in the classroom so I’m expecting a very smooth morning.

**UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR**

 As part of her student teaching experience, Allison will be observed by a faculty member from the university. Dr. Beth Hartley will be in our classroom in person three times this semester. In addition she’ll be observing Allison’s lessons weekly via Skype. Today will be her first observation.

**CONFERENCE FORMS**

I’ve attached a form asking you to select the day and time block that will work best for you for next week’s parent/teacher conference. Please complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible. Thanks!