**SHARING**

For sharing this week, children can share something from their break.

Next week sharing will be a favorite book.

**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.

**MATH HOMEWORK**

All students have math homework attached to this bulletin. The completed paper should be turned in on Friday morning.

**SWIMMING**

We’ll be swimming this week. Please be sure your child has swimwear and a towel at school on Wednesday.

**STATE ASSESSMENT**

Beginning on Tuesday of next week, all students in grades 3 through 9 will be taking the PEAKS (Performance Evaluation for Alaska’s Schools) assessment. This test is given on the computer, and it is important that students are comfortable with the technological aspects of the test. There are many tools that are included to make the test as accessible as possible. If students don’t know how to use them, they are at a disadvantage during the actual test.

This week our fourth and fifth graders will be working on the practice tests that the state has set up. (The third graders did these same practice tests before break.) The content of these practice tests doesn’t really reflect the content of the actual test, but the tools (like rulers, highlighters, and magnifiers) are exactly what the students will encounter when they take the “real” test. This practice should ensure that students can focus on the content rather than on the technology when they begin the assessment next week.

We’ll also be talking about general test-taking skills such as taking their time, double-checking their work, and doing their best on the tests. We will also review content that students have learned throughout the year.

Attendance (especially in the morning) is quite important for the two week testing window. Students are allowed to make up these tests, but children usually don’t do as well in a make-up session as they do when they test with the group.

Look for further details about the test sessions in next week’s bulletin.

**RAFFLE**

A big thanks to those students who sold raffle tickets for the Booster Club. It isn’t too late to request tickets for your child or family to sell.

**MATH**

The kindergarteners will continue to focus on subtraction.

Students doing first grade and sixth grade math will be working on geometry units.

Students doing second grade and fourth grade math will be working on measurement.

Third graders will be learning about perimeter and area.

Students doing fifth grade math will be learning to multiply fractions.