**SHARING**

 Sharing this week should be a favorite book. Children can either show us a favorite picture or read a favorite page. It is very helpful if the page is chosen and marked ahead of time.

 For sharing next week children should bring something that begins with the same sound as their first name.

**OPEN HOUSE**

 The staff at Susan B. English School will be hosting a “Taco Tuesday” Open House this Tuesday. We’ll begin with a taco buffet in the cafeteria at 5:30. As people finish eating they can head to classrooms to see what children have been doing so far this year. I’ll also be available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you may have.

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

On Wednesday, September 12th students will be excused from school at 1:40. Please be sure your child knows the plan for that day. Staff will collaborate on common issues for the rest of the day.

**THANK YOU**

I can’t say thank you often enough! Students are doing an amazing job with their home/school folders this year. It is a rare day when someone doesn’t have one. Thanks!

**SWIMMING**

 I’ve attached a letter/permission slip from Lisa Stanish. It contains information about swim opportunities. Please notice that this is not our in-school swim lessons.

 If you want your child to participate in the Tuesday after-school swims, please sign and return the permission slip to school.

 The Tuesday swim **will not** begin this week. The first Tuesday swim session will be on Tuesday, September 18th.

 Lisa and I are working on details for swim lessons during the school day. I’m hoping we’ll have that rolling by the end of this month.

**ASSESSMENT**

 We are currently working on completing district-required assessments. These check your child in basic reading, language arts, and math skills. Most of them are completed on the computer and are pretty quick.

These assessments serve a couple of purposes. They establish a baseline for all learning throughout the year. They also act as an early warning system. If there is an area in which a child is struggling, I can design instruction to try to fill any gaps or fix any problems.

We began last week, and I am anticipating that we’ll finish by the end of this week.