**SHARING**

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

 Sharing next week will focus on our changing seasons. Children should show us something that looks different in fall than it does in the summer.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Sorry about the late notice, but hopefully you’ve had a heads-up about the Open House. The staff at Susan B. English School will be hosting Open House for parents and families this evening from 5:00 until 6:30. We’ll begin in the cafeteria with a taco dinner. After dinner we’ll head to the classroom where your child can show you what he or she does all day.

**SCHOOL PICTURES**

School pictures will be taken by Lifetouch this Friday morning, September 27th. Your child is bringing home an order form today in case you’d rather not order online.

**SPELLING**

 All students, except kindergarteners, have a page of spelling words attached. The homework is described below.

**Monday**: Cut the words apart and sort them according to the headers. Your child should read the words to you and explain the sort. There is nothing to turn in. Keep the words at home. (We’ve sorted them in school so children should be familiar with the sort.)

**Tuesday**: Your child should sort the words again, and then write the words in their sorted categories. This paper should be turned in on Wednesday. Keep the words.

**Wednesday**: You read the words to your child, and he or she writes them in the correct category. Fix any misspelled words or words that were written in the wrong categories. Turn in the paper on Thursday. Keep the words at home.

**Thursday**: Your child sorts the words and glues them on paper and then adds two words to each category. This gets turned in on Friday.

Children who did their homework last week did very well on Friday’s test. Thanks for your help in making your child a successful student.

**SWIMMING**

 We will begin swim class this Wednesday. Please be sure your child has a towel and swimwear at school that day.

 I am also still hoping for a male chaperone to help with the boys’ locker room.

**MUSIC**

 Kari Hendrich, Duna’s mom, will be coming in to the class Tuesday afternoons to share her musical talents and skills with us. We are very excited to have her back again!

**KINDERGARTEN READING**

 Last week kindergarteners brought home a completed mini-book. These small books are prepared on the copy machine. By the time the book goes home, student have read the book many times in the classroom and have colored some of the pictures. These mini-books can be kept at home and read repeatedly. Students probably have the book memorized, but it is important that they point at each word while “reading”. We use these books to work on several important pre-reading skills.

 This week they’ll be bringing home books (in a Ziploc bag) that need to be read with an adult and then returned to school. These first books are meant to give early readers additional beginning sound practice. They also give you the opportunity to see the progress your child is making in acquiring beginning reading skills. Please return the book and bag to school as soon as possible so other students can use it. Thanks!