**SHARING**

 This week sharing will focus on the short sound of /a/. This is the vowel sound heard in “map”. The sound doesn’t have to be at the beginning of the word.

 Next week the focus will shift to the short sound of /o/.

**GEOGRAPHY**

 Third, fourth, and fifth graders should be prepared to take the geography test on Friday, October 5th. They should be learning (or reviewing) the location of the oceans, continents, and hemispheres.

**SPELLING**

All students (except for kindergartners) have spelling words attached. The homework remains the same each week. Here is the condensed explanation.

**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 in class on Friday. Most students did an amazing job again last week!

**SWIMMING**

 We’ll begin swim lessons with Lisa Stanish this week on Wednesday. The whole class will head to the pool at the same time. While the advanced swimmers are in the water, the beginners will do some academic work with me on the pool deck. After 30 minutes the beginners will have their time in the pool. The advanced swimmers will shower and change and work on academics on the deck of the pool.

Please send your child to school on Wednesdays with swimwear and a towel. It is great if you can send some type of waterproof bag since Wednesday is also our library day and we don’t want wet library books.

**SCIENCE**

 The younger students continue to learn about the difference between living and nonliving objects. They’ll also review what animals and plants need to live.

 The older students will begin to learn about similarities between parents and offspring.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

 The younger students have been learning about being a good citizen and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in different settings.

 The older students are beginning to study the Civil War.

**MATH**

 The kindergarteners will begin a unit on 3-D shapes this week.

 The first graders are working on concepts related to subtraction.

 Students doing second grade math will be learning how to identify odd and even numbers. They’ll also practice their doubles facts.

 The third graders are completing a chapter on subtraction. They’ll test on that this week and then begin learning about multiplication.

 Students doing fourth grade math are working on concepts related to multiplication.

 Students in fifth grade math will begin a chapter on division.

 Sixth grade math students are working on beginning algebra concepts.