**SHARING**

In sharing this week we will focus on rhyming. Children should bring (or tell us about) two objects with rhyming names.

Sharing will be Children’s Choice again next week.

**EARLY RELEASE**

Students will be excused from school at 1:40 PM on Wednesday, October 24th. Staff will use the rest of the afternoon to collaborate.

**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.

**SWIMMING**

Due to the early release, we won’t be swimming this week.

**HEALTH**

In a couple of weeks in health we’ll be covering some sensitive topics as described below. Please feel free to stop by and look at the materials if you’d like. If you have questions we can also discuss them at upcoming conferences.

Kindergarteners will be learning about safe and unsafe touches.

First, second, fourth, and fifth graders learn that their body is private and that they should say no to touches or actions that make them uncomfortable.

Third graders don’t have specific lessons on this topic, but they’ll be in the classroom as other grades discuss them.

**KINDERGARTEN READING**

The kindergarteners are beginning to bring home books (in a Ziplock 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!

**SCIENCE**

The younger students will be learning about the parts of a plant and the functions of each part.

The older students will explore why some members of a species survive while others don’t.

**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!