**SHARING**

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

Sharing next week will be Children’s Choice.

**SPELLING**

All students (except for kindergartners) have spelling words attached. Below is the condensed explanation of the homework.

**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.

**STICKER SQUARES**

Each day that your child arrives at school on time and stays the whole day he or she gets one spot filled on a sticker square. When the sticker square is completely filled the student gets to select one book from the book box. This book then belongs to the child.

The sticker squares have 30 spots on them and since we’re just past the 30th day of school this year children will be starting to bring their completed sticker squares and selected books home.

**HELP NEEDED**

Beginning next week our class will be swimming as part of our PE instruction. We haven’t quite ironed out the details yet, so I’ll let you know later this week which day or days your child will need a suit and a towel. It will most likely be Monday and/or Wednesday.

We need a male who is willing to accompany the boys into the locker room and help them get changed before and after using the pool. We are planning to swim the last hour of the school day so we’d probably need this person here around 1:45 for ten minutes and then again about 2:45 for ten or fifteen minutes. We’ll also need the district’s volunteer paperwork done as soon as possible since it takes several days to be processed. Thanks!

**MUSIC**

Beginning this week, Kari Hendrich will be coming in on Tuesdays from 2:15 until 3:00 to share her musical talents with us. Thanks Kari!

**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. I realize some of the books are in bad shape, but they aren’t published any longer. I’d appreciate your assistance in preserving them. Thanks!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Next week there won’t be school for students on Friday, October 20th. Teachers will use the day for inservice training and to work on first quarter report cards.

Then, the week after that, students also have a few days off. On Wednesday, October 25th students will be dismissed from school at 1:40. On Thursday and Friday they won’t have school due to parent/teacher conferences.

**MIND A-MAZES**

We’ll continue to work on calibrating the catapult after school this week. We’ll work until 4:00. Please be sure your child knows what he/she should do at that time. I’m not planning to practice on Friday. Hopefully they’ll have it all figured out by then.

Please be looking for permission slips to come home during the week for the competition on this Saturday. I’ll give you more details about the trip in that packet.