**SHARING**

Sharing this week and next will be Children’s Choice. There isn’t an assigned topic.

**END OF QUARTER**

The first quarter of school ends this Thursday, October 19th. Most children are all caught up, but there are a few with missing assignments. If your child doesn’t make significant progress early in the week, I’ll be contacting you for some assistance.

**NO SCHOOL**

 There will not be school for students this Friday, October 20th. Teachers will use half this day for inservice training. The other half will be used to work on report cards.

**NEXT WEEK’S SCHEDULE**

 School will be excused at 1:40 PM next Wednesday, October 25th. Teachers will use that afternoon for collaboration. There will not be school for students on Thursday or Friday, October 26th and 27th. Those days will be used for parent/teacher conferences.

**SWIMMING**

We will not be swimming this week. I’m still hoping that we can find some males willing to help out in the boys’ locker room.

I’ll let you know when lessons will begin.

**MATH**

The kindergartners will be working with the numbers from six through ten this week.

Draven will be finishing up a chapter on subtraction.

The second graders are also finishing up a chapter that covered subtraction with regrouping (borrowing).

The third graders will begin focusing on their multiplication and division facts.

The fourth graders are moving toward multiplying two two-digit numbers.

The sixth graders are learning to solve simple algebraic equations.

**SPELLING**

 Due to the short week, students will not have spelling homework this week.

**WRITING**

The class will take the district’s narrative writing assessment this week. Each grade is given a prompt. Students are to independently write to that prompt. The kindergartners through third graders have thirty minutes to write. The fourth and sixth graders get an hour to complete their writing. Their writing is then assessed according to the rubric we’ve been using in the classroom.

**MIND A-MAZES**

 Thanks to all parents for having their children to the airport in a timely fashion. The pilots were quite impressed!

 Thanks also to Heidi Geagel and the other parents who coordinated the actual building of the catapult. We couldn’t have gone to Soldotna without your assistance!

**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!