**SHARING**

 For sharing this week children should bring a collection of 100 of something. It would be great if this collection could stay at school until Friday. Younger children may need help with the counting.

 Sharing next week will be Children’s Choice. There won’t be an assigned topic.

**SPELLING**

First through sixth graders have spelling words attached. Because we have a new student in our classroom, I’ve included a very thorough description of how to do spelling homework.

**Monday**: Cut the words apart and sort them. Your child should read the words to you and explain the sort. There is nothing to turn in. Keep the words at home.

**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 at home.

**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.

We’ll test on the words in class on Friday.

**SWIMMING**

We’ll be swimming on Wednesday. Please send your child to school with swimwear and a towel.

**MATH HOMEWORK**

All students have math homework for this week attached. For the most part, students did an excellent job on last week’s work. Once again, we had 72% of students turn in a completed paper.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Our battles are rapidly approaching! We’ll be doing an in-class competition today to determine our three team members and our alternate. We’ll practice after school again on Wednesday and Thursday until 4:00. These will be our final practices. The competition will take place next Tuesday, February 6th.

**SPELLING BEE**

 Congratulations to Nevaeh Morrison. She won the spelling bee last Thursday. Faith Waterbury came in second. Nice job representing our classroom girls!

**GEOGRAPHY BEE**

 The geography bee will be held this Thursday, February 1st beginning at 2:15 in the school commons. Students in grades four through eight are eligible to participate. We’d love to see you in the audience.

**DAY 100**

 This Thursday, February 1st is the 100th day of school. We’ll do a few special activities in the classroom to celebrate this special day.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

 For your planning purposes—Next week is a short week of school. Students have an early dismissal on Wednesday, February 7th. They’ll be excused from school at 1:40 PM that day.

 There is no school on Thursday or Friday, February 8th and 9th. We’ll have parent/teacher conferences on those days.

**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!