**SHARING**

 For sharing this week, students should bring something that begins with the /sh/ sound.

 For sharing next week, students should bring something that begins with the /ch/ sound.

**CONFERENCES**

 Thank you for attending conferences last week. If there is ever an issue with your child, please let me know as soon as possible so we can work together to solve it.

**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**

Our class will be swimming on Wednesday of this week. Please be sure to send your child to school with a towel and swimwear that day. Thanks!

**MATH HOMEWORK**

All students have math homework attached. Please be sure your child completes it and returns it to school on Friday.

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Despite the lack of electricity, our third and fourth grade Battle of the Books team did an excellent job on Tuesday last week. We were unable to battle the other teams using Skype, so we had “mock” battles here and then called in our scores. They ended up finishing 13th out of 22 teams. Great reading, team!

**VALENTINE’S DAY**

We’ll have a very low-key Valentine’s Day party on Wednesday before swimming. It’s great if the children bring valentines for each other. I do ask though that if they bring any, they bring one for every child in the class to avoid hurt feelings. You are also welcome to send treats if you like. Children generally eat one thing here, and the rest is sent home. Here’s the list of students in our class:

**Kindergarten:** Ivan Aria

 Mark Asher

**First Grade:** PhoenixDraven

**Second Grade:** Bo Adelynn

 Lily

**Third Grade:** Holden Eliana

 Owen Ammerie

**Fourth Grade:** Michael Autumn

 Ben Nevaeh

 Odin

**Sixth Grade:** Faith

**REQUEST**

 We are out of Kleenex for the classroom and have been using the school’s sandpaper-disguised-as-tissue version. It would be great if each family could send in another box to get us through the end of the school year.