**First Grade Homework**

This year your child has the opportunity to share with you what we are working on in class in the area of writing. In preparation for spelling homework, which will begin second quarter, we are wanting to prepare the kids for the routine of homework. We want it to be fun and meaningful for your child while also reinforcing the learning targets we are doing in class. Frequently we will send home a “sharing page” for your child to complete with sentences and illustrations. This will go home on Monday and needs to be returned by Friday of the same week. The following week, the students will be able to share their writing with the class. Your child will be assigned a specific sharing day that they will have for the rest of the year. After everyone has shared these will be collected and made into class books or kept in your child’s writing portfolio.

The targets this is helping your child to hit are the following:

* The students will be able to apply writing skills.
* I can share my knowledge and ideas.
* I can demonstrate the conventions of standard English.
* I can apply phonics and word recognition skills.
* I can demonstrate print concepts.

Here are some thoughts to remember when you are working with your child at home:

1. This should not be painful for you or your child.
2. The main goal of homework initially is to just get into the routine of doing homework and returning it.
3. All children are at different developmental levels in their writing. At this point, do not worry about spelling. Have your child write what he/she hears.
4. Encourage your child to write as much as he/she can. Of course, if you find that your child is struggling with this at home please let us know and we will share strategies to help.
5. Be sure to include an illustration.

Thank you and have fun,

Mrs. Trutzel

**Your Child’s Share Day**

Tuesday: Dawson, Lillian, Paul, Joshua, Zaiver, Madelyn

Wednesday: Mitchell, Anna, Kaden, Jayden, Devin, Calvin

Thursday: Garrett, Evan, Addy, Jonathan, Saleah, Paxtynne

Friday: Rayne, Alex, Wyatt, Landan, Coleson, Brookelyn