

- **Library/Bookmobile:** Bookmobile books are due this Thursday.
- **Reading Trackers:** The 1st reading tracker is due by Friday, October 7th. Remember that no late trackers will be accepted.
- **Bus Evacuation Practice:** The district will be sending over several busses on Wednesday for us to practice the bus evacuation process. This will help us to know what to do if we need to evacuate the bus while on a field trip.
- **Vision Screening:** The first graders will be having their vision screening on Wednesday. Parents will be informed of any vision concerns that arise from this screening.
- **School Dance:** We will be having a school dance on October 14th. I will send more information about this as soon as I receive it.
- **Fall Fun:** October 16th will be CCA day at Mazzotti Farms. The cost will be \$6. Please join us for a fun fall celebration including a corn maze, pumpkin patch, large slide, and more!

This week in:

- **Math:** We will be using concrete and pictorial models to represent two-digit numbers; comparing two-digit numbers; identifying the place value of digits in a two-digit number; trading pennies for dimes; taking assessment 16; adding two-digit numbers with regrouping using dimes and pennies; and telling time to the half hour.
- **Spelling:** We will continue with the phonograms this week. Please see the phonogram quiz schedule for a list of the phonograms being tested each day. We will begin spelling words next week. Grading will remain the same, and we will continue to test each day. Mrs. Dowdy sent home a letter indicating when she will be holding a RIGGS information session for 1st grade parents. This session will cover how spelling words are taught and tested. I strongly encourage you to attend.
- **Writing:** We will continue discussing the five parts of a sentence and learning about nouns and verbs. We will classify sentences by labeling the subject nouns (SN) and the verbs (V). We will finish writing our "Ocean" paragraphs. We will complete our final copies, proofread, and share our paragraphs. Then we will begin writing animal habitat paragraphs. Journal writing will continue as usual.
- **Science:** We will finish our "Living Things and Their Environments" unit this week. We will be learning about endangered and extinct animals; how environments are constantly changing: population and development, rainforest clearing, pollution, litter, etc; and Rachel Carson's positive impact on the environment. Habitat Assessment II will be on Thursday, October 6th.
- **Social Studies:** We will begin our "Early Civilizations of the Americas" unit. This week we will cover hunters and gatherers; the move from hunting to farming; and the Maya Civilization.
- **Literature:** We will be reading and discussing The Maid and the Milk Pail and The Fox and the Grapes.
- **Saying:** This week we will learn about the saying "A wolf in sheep's clothing".
- **Computers:** We will continue typing sentences in Microsoft Word. Our sentences will require use of the shift and period keys, as well as the spacebar. Students will also learn about the backspace and enter keys.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Cain