



Hoppy Happenings

October 24th, 2011



Dates to Remember

- Library Oct. 25th
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 27th
- No School Oct. 28th

Thank You

Tara Tibbe, Laurel Huizenga, Katie De Maa, Laura Venhuizen, and Patty Palmer for driving our class to the Little Farmer last Friday: your help was greatly appreciated. God gave us beautiful weather to take in the fall colors, learn about worker bees, enjoy a hay ride, pick an apple the farmer way, and select our own pumpkins. And yes, the caramel apples were delicious!

Thanksgiving Readers' Theater

This week students will be drawing their parts for the readers' theater out of a hat. Our performance will be the week of Thanksgiving break. Students will give a short performance and afterwards you will be invited to join us for a Thanksgiving snack.

Fast Facts:

Once a week the First Graders are taking a fast facts test in math class. Currently they have two minutes to complete 30 problems. The purpose of fast facts is to encourage the automaticity of sums and differences of simple addition and subtraction facts. My goal is for each student to correctly complete 30 problems in a minute and a half by the end of first grade. Any additional practice at home would help tremendously.



Here is a website that has fun math games. Check it out: www.toytheater.com



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. Proverbs 3:5-6

Home Practice

Bible: This week our studies include **Jacob Escapes from Laban** and **Jacob's Homecoming**.

Memory Verse: There is no memory verse this week.

Phonics: This week students will study the short i sound and final /ks/ spelled x. Phonic readers this week are *Did They Win?*; *Fix It*, and *Mix and Fix*. Spelling words include *six, in, it, mix, pin, lip, wig, did, sit, fix, she, take, what, up*.

Reading: The concept this week is **Plot**. The reading story coming home is *Pig In a Wig*. Vocabulary words : *play, vet*.

Math: Students will learn **review concepts of subtraction**. **Chapter test is on Thursday**.

Grammar: Students will learn about the **subject of a sentence**.

Writing: Students will learn to use their imaginations as they **write a fictitious story about an animal**.

Social Studies There will be a review of **families** Tuesday, **unit test on Thursday**.

Science: More on **stems and leaves**.

Handwriting Students will practice letter **x**.