



# Hoppy Happenings

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011



## Dates to Remember

- Library Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Early Release Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>
- No School Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**Attached to the newsletter is the October book order. Children LOVE book orders and are highly motivated to read when they feel that they have some choice in the matter. If you would like any suggestions regarding book orders and your child's reading level, let me know and I would be happy to offer some suggestions. Just for your information (in case you didn't already know), each book order registers as free books for the classroom. The children really enjoy the new additions to our classroom library. On behalf of your child and the whole First Grade class, thank you for your orders!**

## First Grade Parents Rock!

Reading logs came in before or on the last day of last month. You people are awesome!!! Last week I sent the new sheets home for October. The sheets are blue. Keep your children reading - it really is the key to success. Read to them whenever you get a chance. Reading helps develop vocabulary and builds vicarious background experience.

## Elementary Showcase:

The Elementary Showcase had a great turnout. It was so good to see each child's parent. Hopefully you were able to view your child's art and writing samples. The children are doing great. It has been an excellent start to a new school year.



*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 **Three Visitors, Sodom and Gomorrah, Review.** A study guide will be coming home at the end of this week. A unit test will be on Monday.

**Memory Verse:** *"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great and you will be a blessing."* Gen. 12:2

**Phonics:** This week I will be wrapping up the review of short vowel sounds. This week students will learn that u spells /u/ when followed by one or more consonants. Phonic readers coming home are **The Quiz** and **Vic and Roz.** Spelling words include ***fun, sun, duck, luck, dust, must, but, nut, here, for, me, go.***

**Reading:** The concept this week is realism vs. fantasy. The reading story coming home is **Farmer's Market.**

**Math:** Students will learn **Subtraction Symbols, Writing Subtraction Sentences, and Subtraction Word Stories.**

**Grammar:** Students will learn that **Sentences** contain complete thoughts, start with a capital letter and end with punctuation. They will review that each sentence must have a subject and a predicate, and may contain an adjective.

**Writing:** Students will write sentences using adjectives.

**Social Studies** Students will learn how **Families Move Around.**

**Science:** This week we will learn about **Roots.**

**Handwriting** We'll continue with the circle back stroke. The letter students will practice is **o.**