

# "FIRST GRADE NEWS"

Room #3

October 14, 2011

## Calendar

10\17 - Work Folders  
& Baggies Due

10\18 - Helper - Mrs.  
Hilker (2:00 PM)

10/19- Spelling Pre-  
test, Social Studies  
Vocab Tested

10/20 - Homework  
Due, Helper - Mrs.  
Green (8:00 AM)

10/21 - Spelling Test,  
Memory, Math Facts &  
High-Frequency Words  
Tested, Library Books  
Due, Helper - Mrs.  
Lubben (8:00 AM)



Wow! What crazy weather we have had the last couple of weeks! We have had everything from cold and misty to very hot! That makes it hard to know how many layers of clothing to send! On the cooler days, be sure to send a sweater or sweatshirt with your child's name written somewhere easy to find!

In our Jesus Time this week we learned how Joshua became the new leader of the people of Israel, and how he trusted God. We discussed the fact that we are all leaders at different times and we are responsible to make good decisions and to trust in God, like Joshua did!

The end of our first quarter of school is just two weeks away. It's hard to believe we have almost completed a quarter of school already! I will begin oral reading and math assessments on Thursday. It is going to be very important that your child is here the next two weeks as we will have many oral and written assessments the students will be completing. I may need a parent helper the morning of Thursday, October 27th, depending on how assessments go. If you think you would be able to help out between 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on the 27th, let me know.

Next week your child will be reviewing both science and social studies concepts to get ready for the unit tests which are scheduled for the following week. The social studies quiz will be given on Wednesday instead of Thursday to help facilitate this!

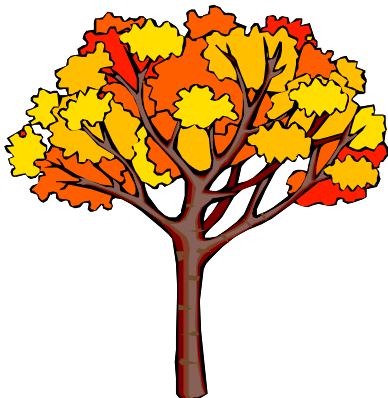
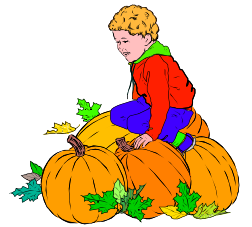
The math facts that I am sending home this week for homework are a review of the last two week's facts. You will want to focus on solidifying your child's mastery of the higher doubles facts!



I have not seen any of the students' Book It reports and verification sheets coming into the classroom. Does that mean you are working on them at home and keeping the packet until all 4 are complete? If so, that is fine! If you lost your Book It packet, please call me and ask for another before it is too late. Book It requirements are due Friday, October 28th. The reading practice and the practice with book reports is a worthwhile investment of time, to help your child grow in his/her reading skills! Any child that meets all 6 months of the requirements receives a special certificate from the principal at an assembly at the end of the year. If the whole class completes the requirement, they receive an ice cream sundae party from Miss Ellis! If you need books, see me!

I have enclosed the next five decodable Open Court books. Remember to have your child read through them with you and keep out any books that they cannot read fluently (without stopping to sound out words) so you can practice them until they are read fluently. Good job returning baggies!

Our school is busy preparing for our annual Harvest Carnival, which is Saturday, October 29th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for our students to get together in a safe environment to have fun together. You are doing an excellent job of bringing in candy and signing up on the door to help out. Thank you so much! We also have a sign-up sheet in the office for additional ways to help out that day.



**God's Blessings,**

**Miss Ellis**