

Dear Parents,

September 9, 2019

The students are doing an excellent job at learning the 1st Grade Expectations. Today we learned the activities and homework expectations for the story and sound of the week.

Every Monday the students will do a shared reading with the story of the week. The particular story will have a sound of the week, which the students will be focusing on for the week at school and at home. The home activities involve a weekly reading pack which will go home on Monday and will be **due Friday**. The students should complete two pages a night. The students will also get 10 words with sound of the week. They should complete 2 activities with these words to complete at home from the weekly choice board. The only thing that needs to be turned in on Friday is the completed weekly reading pack without the parent letter and game sheet. The parent letter and game sheet are just **extra** ideas for you to do at home.

The students then will have a written test on Fridays to assess them on the sound of the week. I have attached a sample of the written test so you have an idea of the expectation. I will not be making them write out the whole sentences right away. I will ease them into this process. The first test this coming Friday they will have to circle the misspelled word in the sentence

after I read it to them and then write the circled word correctly on the line.

These activities for the story and sound of the week support many of our learning goals in first grade. They help us practice tapping out words (stretchy snake) for reading and writing, letter sounds, following directions, printing our letters and words correctly using the sky line, fence line, and grass line, working independently on a task (with my help and your help it will happen), completing tasks on time, managing time, finger space between words, sentence structure, correct letter formation, and I could go on and on. Please help your child complete these weekly homework assignments but encourage them to work independently and only ask for your help when confused or to give an example. Thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs. Sartain

P.S. All the students have List A for the spelling test this week. Next week I will let students who only get 1 wrong on the pretest to be on List B and study the challenge words for the week. Please study the words that are highlighted on the choice board. I make this decision based on the pretest given on Monday each week.