

Dear Parents,

Word Work:

The new words for this week are: **play, do, go, where, with**. Please use the Word Wall menu to complete at least 3 activities this week. There will be a word wall quiz on Friday.

Reading:

This week we will finish up our unit on nonfiction books. The kids will be coming home tomorrow with their nonfiction book focused on Community Helpers.

Writing

It has been amazing to watch the kids during writing. We have been amazed at the enthusiasm and effort put forth during this time. The kids are so invested in their nonfiction teaching topics, and it shows!!! Many children are realizing that we can learn even more about an expert topic by reading a nonfiction book on that topic. Kids have their noses in nonfiction books constantly trying to glean new information.

We will continue to focus this week on writing with details in order to help the reader picture the details by using comparisons. We will also learn that there can be different kinds of writing in teaching books. For example, chapters can contain how-to writing, persuasive writing and stories. The children will also learn how to add introductions and conclusions to their pieces. We will close out the week by fixing up our writing by working in partnerships and pretending to be a reader.

Social Studies

This week the kids are starting a research project in the library with Miss P. focused around community helpers. Each child chose a community helper that they would like to learn more about. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting research!

How you can help: We are looking for parents who are community helpers, such as doctor, nurse, firefighter, police officer, etc. Please let us know if you are willing to come and share your profession with the 1st grade!

Save the Date:

Our winter celebration will be held on Monday December 21st from 11:20-11:55 in your child's classroom. All parents are welcome to attend. We will be making a winter craft and reading a story. Please leave plenty of time to check into the office prior to coming to your child's classroom. Oh what fun the cold weather brings!

Respectfully yours,

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