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Hello Parents!

I hope you had a great long weekend and were able to get out and enjoy the sunshine! Hopefully it will continue to be sunny so we can have outdoor recess. This week will be a full week and then next week is only two days. I am sure it will move quickly!

Here is the overview of last week:

Reading: we finished our second theme, "Surprise!" This week we will review the skills we covered through that theme. This will include elements of a story (sequence of events, problem/solution, character, and setting), fantasy and realistic fiction, and noting details in a story. Our word wall words this past week were are, away, does, live, play, pull, they, and were. The vowel we reviewed was the letter u and the consonants we reviewed were the j, q, and z. This week we will review all of the vowels and the CVC pattern.

Writing: we have been continuing our focus on writing a sentence correctly. All of the students should be beginning their sentences with a capital and then ending it with the correct punctuation. We are also working on making all of our letters correctly.

Math: subtraction was the focus of the week. In subtraction you begin with the total and take away one of the partners to get the other partner. Using this information we also talked about fact families. Fact families are three numbers, two of them are partners that you add together to get the total, and you can subtract each of those partners from the total to get the other partner. For example, 2,3, and 5 are a fact family. $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, $5-2=3$, and $5-3=2$ are all equations that come from this fact family. We made fact family houses and those will be coming home this week. Please remember your child is only supposed to complete the "Homework" side of the homework that comes home. The other side is something I use in class as review. Please do not have your child complete it at home.

This week we will begin share during our Morning Meeting. For share, your child needs to complete a share plan. This will come home the night before their share and it needs to be filled in with at least 3 sentences about their share. At this point in the year, you can help

them spell the words and do the writing. Eventually they will need to do the whole thing by themselves. I also included with the newsletter a share calendar. I assign kids to their share day, your child DOES NOT have to share. Share ideas included photos, favorite books, something your child made, trophies they earned, or something they got from a trip they went on. **Toys are not allowed for share.** Today during Morning Meeting I previewed with the class what this will look like by modeling a share of my own. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me!

A few reminders:

1. Next Tuesday we will have pajama day. The students may wear slippers, but will need shoes for recess. Please make sure your child is warm enough. Feel free to send in a sweatshirt!
2. Please pay your lunch bill to Gina if you have one!
3. Be sure to look through your child's folder each night and read the poem with them!

Have a great week!

Megan McDonald 😊