



March 20, 2009

Dear Parents,

It's been another whirlwind week in kindergarten. Third quarter assessments are being sent home today with your son or daughter. Please make sure to sign the slip inside and return the slip in the envelope after spring break. The assessment and rubric do not come back. Also – Mr. Moris' assessment stays at home as well.

The children got to celebrate their success for the read-a-thon today and enjoyed their ice-cream treat with lunch! Our school goal of 80% participation was met! They sure were happy! Thank you to all the parents and siblings who helped our class reach 100% completion!

While the children are off for spring break, please make sure they are still practicing reading their word wall words. Please make sure they practice these daily – as they must know these automatically. I say that every news letter – because I have MANY that still do not know them automatically. It is imperative for their reading success!! To help them, make two sets of flashcards and play memory – this will help them while they are playing a game! We currently have 19 words that they should know (and, be, can, from, for, is, in, it, like, love, my, on, play, see, said, the, to, was, you).

When we return from spring break we will only have about 2 months left of school! Can you believe it! Our final units will include spring, the farm, and the butterfly! For our reading groups, the children will be concentrating on reading books from our Sing, Spell, Read, and Write program! One of the first books we will focus on is Dad, Sam, and Pat. It is a 32-page book! We will be working on their decoding, fluency with sight words, and their reading comprehension! This is where their ability to read the word wall words will help them! The quicker they can recognize them, the greater their reading success.

For math this last quarter, the children will be expected to be able to write, and recognize in random order, the numbers up to 50. They will also be counting up to 100 by 1's, by 5's and 10's. Please make sure they are getting practice time in.





- **Please sign the slip that came home with the 3rd quarter assessments and return it in the envelope.**
- **I hope everyone has a very fun-filled and relaxing spring break! When we return it is the final push toward them becoming 1st graders – and they are so very excited!**

Have a wonderful spring break!!!

Mrs. Kenyon

