Dear First Grade Families,

I hope you are all staying safe and warm through this very wintry January! We are trying to get back into a good school routine after Christmas break and all these snow/ice days. I wanted to tell you about a few things we are using here at school. One is a supplemental online math program called ZEARN.

**ZEARN:** Zearn is an online math program. The children are learning to use it here at school to go along with our Go Math! You can access it at home by going to Zearn.org. The children should know their passwords and login name by now. It is their first and last name with capitals and no spaces. For example: JohnSmith. Their password is abc. You can access this online anytime at home to help your child practice their first grade math skills. It is a great program with video lessons that teachers present, and then skills practice. Try it at home!

**MYSTERY SCIENCE:** Last week we did a mystery science on sound vibrations. We learned about what makes sound and then made a rainstorm in our classroom. Ask your child about our Mystery Science lesson!

**BOOK-IT: K**eep reading at home and sending in your book-it calendars! I am hoping first grade can win the challenge one of these months! Your homework reading time counts towards the Book-It time!

**HOMEWORK:** I hope you are enjoying reading the take home books with your child. If you find that a book is way too hard for your child, send me a little note. These books should be at their independent level and may require just a little bit of help. The children get to choose books from their book box each week to take home and practice with you! I am amazed at how they are growing in their reading skills. This is the time of the year where First Graders should be making leaps and bounds! It is an exciting time of growth. Thank you for all of your help at home.

**Thank you for sending your child to school with their winter gear every day! They are quick at getting their things on and we enjoy going outside. Please keep up the good work! Have a great week.**

**Mrs. Yetter**