Dear First Grade Families,

This week I am sending home a math homework sheet. One of our first grade targets is to be able to write numbers to 120. Practicing frequently is one way of learning to write their numbers! After a quick check on this skill this week I can see that they need some more practice with it! Please have your child practice this at home this weekend and return on Monday. Thank you.

**Spelling**: We have had two spelling tests. The children are doing very well understanding the difference between real words and “nonsense words”. They are learning their short vowel C-V-C words. Keep practicing at home. Their spelling list for next week is in this folder.

E**lementary Election:** The first grade and kindergarten did a great job helping with our elementary election. We collected votes from Kindergarten through 5th grade. Kindergarten and first grade sorted the ballots and we counted them together using tally marks and counting by 5. Our election results were Donald Trump (49), Hillary Clinton (33) and Green Party (2). It was a very exciting and educational experience!

**Language Arts:** We will be finishing up our first writing unit on Narratives before Thanksgiving. The children have worked hard to learn how to write a story about themselves. A Narrative is a true story about something that happened in their life. This week we focused on how to write and spell bigger words! They learned to say the word slow and listen. Then write the first sound. Next, they say the words again and listen, and slide their finger under the word and write the next sound. They keep repeating this until the end of the word. We will be practicing this skill all year!

**Math**: We will continue our chapter on subtraction skills. We are also working on greater than and less than, and writing our numbers to 120!

**Science:** We did a very cool experiment about shadows this week! We used the tool of a flashlight to figure out how shadows move! Ask your child to tell you about it!

Have a great week! myetter@alansonvikings.net