Dear First Grade Families,

**Spelling is here!** This week we will be starting our spelling program. Attached to this letter is a note explaining the program and next week’s first set of spelling words. Please practice these words with your child next week. We will have our first spelling test next Friday. The list will be sent home each Friday in this Friday folder.

**Library is here!** The first grade will be having library every Thursday morning. We will be learning about the library next week and will eventually be checking out library books!

**Peer to Peer is her**e! The children were introduced to our Peer to Peer program this week. A brochure is in this folder explaining all about the program. If you are interested in having your child participate please fill out the paperwork and send it back into me as soon as possible!

**Halloween is here!** Monday, October 31st is Halloween. The first grade will be enjoying treats in the afternoon at 1:15. They will be changing into costumes at 1:45. The parade around the school and into the high school is at 2:00. Parents are invited to watch the parade down in the high school gym at 2:00. When we return to the classroom we will watch a Halloween video to end our day! I currently have one parent sending a treat in. If you would like to send in a treat please let me know! I like to have a variety of sweet treats and healthy options like cheese and crackers and fruits and vegetables.

**Language Arts**: We are working on word families this week. We are focusing on short a families, and short e families. Our reading strategy is Stretchy Snake. When the children come to a word they don’t know, they should stretch through each sound quickly and think about what would make sense.

**Math:** We have started chapter 2 on beginning subtraction skills. We are starting with using pictures to take a number away.

**Science:** This week we will begin a unit on tools that scientists use! We will be exploring the world around us by using our 5 senses, and using tools like magnifying glasses to practice our observational skills.

**Weather:** Cold weather is here! Please make sure your child has all of the appropriate gear for cold weather!

Have a great week! Please contact me with any questions or concerns. myetter@alansonvikings.net