Dear First Grade Families,

**Library:** The first grade started Library this week! They each got to check out a library book. Library will be each Thursday at 8:30am. They will get to keep their books for two weeks. These first books will be due back on December 1st.

**Book-It:** Please remember to keep reading at home 5 nights a week for 20 minutes. We are competing with the other grades to see which grade reads the most each month. I am hoping First Grade can catch up to 4th grade this month! Keep up the good work.

**Headphones:** Some children are asking if they can bring in headphones from home to use with their iPads. If you have extra headphones at home and would like to send them in to school that would be great. The children will keep them in their desks, and be the only ones to use them.

**Snack:** Our snack cupboard is almost empty! After Thanksgiving I am asking each family to send in another snack for the class to share. Let’s fill our cupboard back up for December and January!

**Spelling:** Next week is a short week but we will still do a spelling unit. Next week’s spelling list is attached to this letter.

**Thanksgiving:** Next week we have school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing Thanksgiving break. We will be doing a big review of concepts next week, and the children will be writing their best narrative yet! On Monday and Tuesday I will be taking a writing assessment to see how much they have grown in their writing during this unit. You can practice over the weekend by talking about what would make a good story. A narrative is a true story about a time in their life. They can write about something they love to do, something they remember doing in their life, or something that happened to them. Talking out their stories first helps the children to organize their thoughts and remember more details!

Have a wonderful weekend! myetter@alansonvikings.net