Dear First Grade Families,

It is November already! Your November Book-It calendar is in this Friday Folder. Remember to read with your child 20 minutes a night 5 nights a week. We keep track of how many children are reading and have a contest between classes. At the end of the year we see who has read the most minutes and have rewards for the highest in each class and in the school! Each child that returns their calendar will also get a voucher for a free personal pan pizza every month.

If you wish for your child to participate in our Peer to Peer program I need the permission slips back by Monday, November 7th. Let me know if you need another pamphlet explaining the program. It really is a great program for all of the children and they learn so many life- long social skills!

Our first week of spelling went very well. A new spelling list for this week is in the folder. Thank you for practicing with your child at home. It really helps! Please remind your child which way the b,d,p,and q goes! These are common mistakes in first grade so we are working very hard on making sure they are going the right way!

Language Arts: The new reading strategy this week is called “Chunky Monkey”. When the children are reading they have to look for chunks of words that they already know to help them figure out unknown words. For example if they know “at”, they can read cat, bat, hat, and mat. Chunky Monkey is a fun strategy! They look for little words and chunks of words that they already know!

Math: With Halloween and Tuesday off last week we are a bit behind on our subtraction chapter. We will be working hard this week in math to catch up! They will be learning beginning subtraction strategies.

Science: We explore the five senses and the other tools that scientists use to explore and observe the world. We will be starting our observation journals this week!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns! [myetter@alansonvikings.net](mailto:myetter@alansonvikings.net)