Dear First Grade Families,

It was great to get to speak with you all at conferences. Thank you for being active and supportive in your child’s education! A strong school-home connection is an important factor in your child’s academic success. If you ever have any questions or concerns during the year please contact me. Let’s work together to have a great year!

**Field Trip**: Next Friday, October 21st we will be going to Uncle Frank’s Apple Town. If you have already returned your permission slip and money, thank you! If I have not received your permission slip and money yet, I have enclosed another one in this Friday folder. Please return it as soon as possible.

**Peer to Peer:** Our Peer to Peer program will be starting again soon. The last week of October our team of leaders will be talking with the class about this program. This program helps to teach children how to support students in our school with Autism. It is a great opportunity to learn social skills, and helps our school community take care of each other! Please look for more information to come in the next few weeks.

**Box Tops:** We are still collecting box tops!

**Language Arts:** Our Daily 5 language arts program is fully up and running now. The children rotate through 5 areas. They are…1. Read to Self. 2. Read to Someone. 3. Word Work. 4. Listening to Reading. 5. Work on Writing. The children have done an amazing time learning the rules for each activity and are engaged daily in meaningful reading and writing activities!

**Math:** In math we continue to work on beginning adding strategies. This week we focused on adding in any order. This means that if 4+1=5, then 1+4=5. We use hands on counting bracelets to practice this strategy!

**Social Studies**: We will continue to talk about what is a Family, and how families can be different. We will also learn about what families do together! Please send in a picture of your family for your child to share with the class!

**Have a great week! myetter@alansonvikings.net**