

## The First Grade Forecast

We have had another great week here at Lake in the Hills and we are beginning to establish our routine. It was so nice to see many of you at our Parent Night yesterday. The students were very excited to get their spots. Please be sure if you were unable to attend that you fill out the blue photo release form in the district handout. If all students return them on Monday I have promised the class a special treat! ©

Our word of the week was responsibility. Students have spent a great deal of time talking about what this word means and have brainstormed many ways to show responsibility. We acted out different scenarios and the students had a lot of fun with this.

During Language Arts we have been reviewing letter sounds. We read the story Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin. We have done many fun activities with this story, including one with the whole first grade. We also read a story called LUNCH by Denise Fleming. We talked about predicting and color words. The students have

really enjoyed this story and the activities that go along with it. We have been working very hard to develop correct letter formation when writing. In Math we have been reviewing counting and making our numbers the correct way. We have reviewed simple patterns, shapes and graphing. Next week we begin Chapter 1 in our book and we will be learning different ways to make numbers which will help us get ready to add and subtract. We will also begin patterns. We have been talking about building respect and a sense community in our classroom. The students are becoming very aware of how their actions can affect others. Our classroom has a very positive atmosphere. The students each received their first five Dolch words to add to their word bag. Please be sure you are practicing these words each night. Next week we will add five new words to the word bag. We will also begin our spelling and math packets. Enjoy your weekend! It's supposed to be beautiful!

Warmly,

## **Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 5- No School- Labor Day

Sept. 8- PTC Meeting 7:00

Sept. 22- Market Day Pick Up 5:00 PTC Info Night 7:00

Sept. 30- Book Fair/Costume Sale