

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Families,

Happy Easter! This week and next week are two shorter weeks of school. In class this week, we will be discussing Easter traditions and celebrating with activities. Additionally, we will also be continuing to learn about Canada. We have begun learning the different provinces of Canada and what makes them unique. For spelling homework this week, we will be practicing the words: by, word, but. To make up five words for the review on Thursday, we will add two surprise words from those previously taught.

Home reading is going very well and it is amazing to see the students grow as readers. When reading books with your child try out these two comprehension strategies to improve your child's understanding. These strategies will be helpful both when your child reads their home reading books, as well as when you read aloud to your child. The first strategy is making predictions. Before reading the book, have your child make a prediction, or guess, as to what the book might be about. Use the cover and title for clues. Then, stop during the book and make a second prediction as to how the book may end. The second strategy is making connections. During the story and after the story is finished try and make connections between the book and your child's life. Ask questions such as: did that ever happen to you? What would you do in this situation? Using these strategies will improve your child's understanding of what they read.

**Reminders:**

- April 13 – Kindergarten “graduation photos” will be a second professional photography opportunity for your child.
- April 14 – Good Friday, no school.
- April 17 – Professional Development day, no school.
- April 21 – Spelling Bee fundraiser
- May 12 – Volunteer Tea

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page printing the word 'by'. - Home reading book exchange.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page printing the word 'word'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page printing the word 'but'. - Home reading book exchange.	<b><u>Spelling Review</u></b> - Return homework in homework folder. - Home reading book exchange.	<b><u>No school – Good Friday</u></b>

Have a hopping good week,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson