

January 30th, 2017

Dear Families,

We had several exciting experiences at school last week. First, on Friday we had our winter sports day. The students were able to get outside and participate in a number of winter activities. In addition, we began our spelling program. At school, we are teaching the children the most common words in the English language. We discussed with the students that learning these words will help them become better readers and writers. They should be able to recognize these words just by looking at them, and should not have to sound them out. Report cards go home on Tuesday of this week. We ask that you take some time to read through the report card and discuss it with your child. Instead of focusing on grades try to discuss what your child is doing well and what they can continue to work on. If you have questions about the report card, then please ask your child's teacher.

For homework this week, the students will practice their new spelling words. While printing the words, they should form their letters correctly using the same printing strokes as they have practiced for single letters. In addition, while printing, they should be saying the letters out loud while they are writing. When they finish printing, they should go back and read the entire word out loud one more time. By saying the letters and words while they write, they will better commit the words to memory. The words for practice this week are: the, of, and, a. Instead of grapheme reviews we will have a spelling review on the final day of the week. During the review, we will say the practice words aloud and the students will be expected to write the words.

Reminders:

- January 31 – Report cards go home
- February 3 – PD day, no school
- February 16 & 17 – Teacher's Convention, no school
- February 20 – Family Day, no school
- February 22 – Trip to Telus Spark

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'the'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'of' and <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'a'.	- In the blue notebook complete <u>half</u> a page printing the word 'and'.	<u>Spelling Review</u> - Return homework in homework folder.	<u>No school. PD day.</u>

Have a spelling filled week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson