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**General Information and Reminders**

* The Book Fair is here!!! We will be browsing the books available at the book fair. Our class shopping day is Tuesday, October 28th from 9:30 am. -10:00 a.m. Our schedule is also attached to the Scholastic flyer which was sent home this week.
* October 31, 2014 is book character dress-up day. Students who bring in $1.00 for the United Way are allowed to dress as their favorite book character. Be thinking about those costumes!!
* October 24, 2014 is Walnut Grove SkyZone Night from 4:00 – 8:00.
* Our next Blue Ice Day is November 7, 2014. The cost for Blue Ice is $2.00.
* Mark your calendars for our next Chick-Fil-A night. It is on November 13, 2014 and it is from 5:00 – 9:00p.m..

**Mrs. Alvarado’s Classroom News**

October 17, 2014

Curriculum Notes

This week we began our Measurement Unit. In first grade we focus on nonstandard measurement. Every Friday your children are given the opportunity to show what they know on their addition facts. They earn a sticker when they master a level, and are moved to the next level. Be sure and ask your child where they are on their fact fluency.

In Language Arts this past week, we focused on identifying the main idea of a story. We continued with short I word families as well.

We have begun a unit on informational writing and are focusing on How to writing. Please make sure you are reading with your child nightly, as we have a goal of reading 15 minutes every night! Keep up the work with sight words, the children are doing really well with them. Mix in some of the words from last nine weeks as you are going over them so that they can really commit them to memory. Thanks so much!

Thank you for the constant support that you show to not only our school, but to your children as well! It is a pleasure to work with all of you. Educationally yours,

**Mrs. Alvarado**

**Our class is in need of glue sticks. We seem to be going through them pretty quickly. If you can help out by sending in any extra it would be greatly appreciated!**

**I am also hoping for a donation of a large jump rope for our class to use during recess!!**

Specials Rotation for Next Week:

* Monday-Computer
* Tuesday- P.E.
* Wednesday-Music
* Thursday- Computer
* Friday- P.E.

\*Remember to wear tennis shoes on P.E. days\*