September 18, 2015

Dear Families,

Vocabulary/Reading homework will begin the week of September 21, 2015. Each night, your child will come home with their Vocabulary journal. The week’s homework will be glued into your child’s journal. Please return your child’s Vocabulary/Reading journal each day.

The weekly Vocabulary/Reading homework includes reading, word study, and writing assignments. The reading component encourages daily at-home independent reading by asking students to read at least 15 minutes each night. The word study portion is aligned with the weekly focus for the *Building Vocabulary* program. Two days a week, students will choose from a menu of activities that emphasize and reinforce the focus word study patterns, rather than individual spelling words. Finally, the students will select from a variety of quick writes on the two remaining days. These quick writes include prompts that address Social Studies, Science, and Health content, as well as response to independent reading and open-ended prompts. Students are encouraged to use in their writing the targeted word patterns they have learned. The word study focus changes weekly to reflect the focus of the *Building Vocabulary* program, while the quick writes change every 3-4 weeks to match the content curriculum for the given quarter.

Please initial in the space provided to show that your child has completed his/her homework each night.

If you have any questions regarding the homework program, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The First Grade Team