

# Business with Buehrer

For the week of October 13, 2009

## Reading

We will read a story called Guys from Space from our reading book. Realism/fantasy and sequence of events are the skills associated with this story. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Wednesday. Please have your son/daughter reread Guys from Space on Wednesday and review the vocabulary words at the beginning of the story.

When the students bring home their reading books, it is very important that they do not read ahead, as we use the stories to test various reading skills. However, feel free to have your child read and reread previous stories at any time.

## Spelling

A four-week spelling list came home with the newsletter two weeks ago. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, October 16. We will work on various spelling skills, including ABC order. The students are now responsible for alphabetizing their spelling words each week in their assignment notebook on Monday for homework. I will explain this assignment to the students.

## Writing/Language

We will begin Unit 2. This week, we will learn about the difference between singular and plural nouns and how to spell irregular plural nouns. We will also learn about singular nouns that are possessive. These are nouns showing ownership. Also, we will write friendly letters this week.

## Cursive Writing

We will continue to learn the letters of the cursive alphabet. This week, we will practice cursive writing skills. Please remind your child to take his/her time when we are learning the letters of the cursive alphabet.

## Math

We began the year by reviewing facts. Many of the students need to brush up on their basic math facts and will benefit significantly from a little extra practice of addition and subtraction.

This week, we will learn how to relate addition to subtraction. We will also work on mental math, estimating to add and subtract, and problem solving skills. We will work on determining whether or not answers are reasonable.

## Science

We will continue to learn about life cycles. This week, we will learn about the life cycle of insects and spiders. We will also continue with the life cycles of other organisms.

## Social Studies

We will conclude our chapter entitled "Learning About Communities." This week, we will learn more about our local community, and we will review the previous concepts about communities. We will prepare for a test this week and take a chapter test at the beginning of next week.

## Other Business

Reminder: Remember to check your child's Assignment Notebook on a daily basis

No School – October 12

Our class has completed the Accelerated Reader (AR) Star Test, and we will begin taking AR tests in the computer lab. There are thousands of books on the AR book list that students can be reading in the classroom and at home, in order to test on at school when we visit the computer lab. The AR book list can be found at [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). More information about Accelerated Reader will come home soon.