

# Business with Buehrer

For the week of October 19, 2009

## Reading

We will read a story called Tornado Alert from our reading book. Context clues and graphic sources are the skills associated with this story. We will also review main idea/details. Your child will bring home his/her reading textbook on Tuesday. Please have your son/daughter reread Tornado Alert on Tuesday 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 (tan sheet) three weeks ago. Please study these words in preparation for the spelling test on Friday, October 23. 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 continue Unit 2. This week, we will continue to work with nouns, specifically singular possessive nouns and plural possessive nouns. These are nouns that show ownership.

## 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, as neatness and accuracy are much more important than speed.

## 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 focus on the skill of carrying for double digit and triple digit addition. Please work on this skill at home with your child on a daily basis, in order to help your child become more confident with adding involving regrouping.

## Science

We will investigate pumpkins this week and explore various science/math concepts.

## Social Studies

We will conclude our chapter entitled "Learning About Communities." This week, we will review the previous concepts about communities and learn about the concept of map scale. We will review for the test on Monday and take the chapter 1 test on Tuesday.

## Other Business

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

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.

Our class is collecting Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels to earn money for the school. Please send any you may have to school by October 23.

October 21, 22 – Donuts for Dads

October 23 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

October 30 – Grade Cards Go Home

October 30 – Fall Party @ 2:45