## First Grade News Week of November 14-18, 2011

Spotlight on Lessons

Phonics: antonyms (opposites)

Writing: review of nouns, adjectives, and punctuation Reading: plot (beginning, middle, and end of a story)

Math: shapes

**Social Studies:** Native American and Colonial days (how was everyday life similar and different to life in the present- transportation, food, clothing, homes, communication and recreation).

<u>Words of the Week:</u> the that them day may made was of if a <u>Dictation Sentences</u>: (Read these sentences aloud to your child as they listen to you and write them.)

Come and see the funny cat running home.

Some hens ran up to us.

This Friday, we are planning a "First Grade Thanksgiving Feast" that will focus on friendship, as an end to Kindness Week. In addition, the feast will help us come up with descriptive adjectives (through taste) that will help us develop our writing. If you would like to send in one of the following items for our feast, we'd appreciate it! Pretzel sticks, jelly beans, bread, or microwave popcorn are items that we will need for this Friday.

## **Homework**

Monday: practice dictation sentences and review or learn words of the week

**Tuesday**: read library book for 15 minutes and practice addition flash cards (homemade or store bought cards)

**Wednesday**: review words of the week if needed, and read 10 minutes

**Thursday**: dictation sentences and addition flash cards

Thank you for sending library books to school daily for your child to practice.

## **Specials Schedule**

Please make sure your child has tennis shoes for PE and recess.

Monday - Day 3 Tuesday - Day 4 Wednesday - Day 5 Thursday - Day 6 Friday - Day 1

## **First Grade Information!**

Please sign and return progress reports if you have not done so yet.

Our canned food drive is still going! It will end on Wednesday, November 16. Thank you so much to those of you who have sent in canned food or toys in support of Kindness Week.