# First Grade Newsletter

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Weekly goals - by Friday, students should be able to confidently say,

## I Can...

- ✓ Spell words using *ck* and short *a*.
- ✓ understand a story by focusing on characters and setting.
- ✓ make a number model.
- ✓ count groups of pennies <u>and</u> nickels.

## Spelling

This week, we will introduce students to our Spelling routine. We will announce the new words on Monday, practice them all week, and take a final spelling test on Friday.

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| at | am |
| bat | back |
| can | cat |
| dad | mad |
| ran | sack |

## Phonics

*Vowel: short a

*Consonant Blend: ck

## High Frequency Words

come        in        my

on        way

## Reading

**Weekly focus question:**
*What do pets need?*

~ Focus on characters and setting

~Ask questions to clarify parts of a story we don't understand

~Read for fluency

~Retelling – telling someone the story in your own words

~Words for location

(near, by, here etc.)

## Important Dates to Remember:

**September**

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| 13-20 | Eden Book Fair |
| 17 | Family Night at the Book Fair (6:00-7:30 PM) |
| 26 | Fire Prevention Program |

## Math

- ➢ Count mixed groups of pennies and nickels
- ➢ Make number models (number sentences) from a story
- ➢ Buy objects from the school store with pretend money
- ➢ Exchanging coins
  - o 5 pennies = 1 nickel

By Thursday, you will be able to log-in at www.pearsonsucess.net to view your child's first Reading Unit Test scores, which covers all material learned the first six weeks of school. Your child's log-in information was sent home with a green half sheet of directions. As a reminder, after you log-in, click on the "My Work" tab, then click on "Done". (You may have to change the date range to view all tests.)

Please let me know if you are having troubling with this or if you need to know your child's account information again.

We are participating in an apple tasting this Friday. If you would like to donate a red, green, or yellow apple, we would greatly appreciate it. Thanks!