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Dear Parents,

Happy Tuesday! I hope you enjoyed your weekend!

A special thank you to our parent/grandparent chaperones for going with us to the play yesterday. Everyone really enjoyed the play!

This week the students will continue to work on making inferences as we read. To make an inference, a reader needs to use their background knowledge (schema) and add it to the clues the author gives in the story to come up with the idea that is not stated. The state reading and math test will be November 4 -8. We will be testing each day. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest, has a good breakfast each morning, and a snack in school to help them do their best on these tests.

The students will learn about the writing trait of organization in English. We will be working on using a main idea sentence, detail sentences, and a concluding sentence in a paragraph. Organization is one of the traits the students need to demonstrate in their personal narrative. I hope to test our Noun unit on Thursday, October 24.

In spelling, we are working on Unit 5. The unit words are: world, going, want, write, school, and important. The test is planned for Wednesday, October 30.

In math, the students took their test on Chapter 2 Addition of Whole Numbers last week. I was very proud of how well all of the students did on their Chapter 2 Addition Test. Thank you for all of your work helping your child prepare for the test. Our next chapter is on the meaning of multiplication and division. We have started learning strategies to help us to multiply. Later in the week, we will begin our study of division. I will have the students put a multiplication and division strategy sheet in their binders/home folder for you to use at home to help your child in any way with these concepts.

Food webs, the roles of plants and animals, and how populations affect each other will be our topics of discussion this week in science. The chapter test is planned for Tuesday, October 29. I sent home a study guide for the chapter yesterday that you may use to help your child study for the test.

The students do not have school on Friday, October 25.

Enjoy the short week of learning.

Sincerely,

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