Mrs. Thomas's Class First Grade Newsletter November 9, 2017

Dates to Remember 11/10 – Veteran's Day – No School 11/14 – Morning Mile/Honor Roll Call & Tour 11/16 – Parent Night – Writing 11/17 – Scholastic Book Orders Due & Donations for School Supply Drive 11/20 – 11/24 – No School – Thanksgiving 12/1 – Interim Reports Go Home

Hiker of the Week Our hiker for this week is Abigail Hughes! Don't forget to fill out your "Hiker of the Week" sheet and bring one item for Show and Tell. You may also send in some photos to display on our board you wish!

## **Classroom News**

In honor of Veteran's Day, there will not be any school on Friday, November 10.

Please remember our math test on Chapter 3 – Addition Strategies was moved to Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to review the math vocabulary words in preparation of the test.

Students are doing a fabulous job of moving away from using their fingers to add to using the strategies we are learning in Chapter 3. Please encourage this at home too. At minimum, students should use a number line instead of their fingers.

Students just took their reading test this past week. They will be graded this weekend & returned on Monday.

Students are also making great strides with their reading fluency (one minute timings). I was pretty impressed when I timed the students this past time.

It looks like Book It! coupons will go home on Monday. Thank you for your patience.

Parent's Name

Please cut, sign, and return

Child's Name

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**Spelling Words** Focus: review short **Rule: Closed syllables end** with a consonant which guard the vowel to make the short sound. **Hedgehogs:** 1) black 6) kick 2) last 7) cloth 3) when 8) rock 4) spend 9) hung 5) dish 10) trust Bears: 1) trumpet6) giggle 2) member7) dangle 3) magnet 8) slumber 4) contest 9) handle

5) triplet 10) shelter

Word of the Week honor

School Days Please be sure to ask your child about the following activities from this past week: Veteran's Day lesson in class & presentation during Morning Meeting, Walk-a-Thon, the word of the week & what it means, and Earth Man. Math: Subtraction Strategies to 20 Social Studies: Thankfulness

**Reading: Text & Graphic Features** 

Writing: Complete Sentences

Spelling/Phonics: review short vowels

What We're Learning Next Week

School supplies are due November 17<sup>th</sup> for the school HLA is sponsoring in Key Largo that was affected by the hurricane. The donation box is located by the front entryway. Please help fill it!

Parent Night is already here. Please note it is on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The workshop is on writing. Please remember your commitment to attend 7 out of 9 parent nights (excluding the holiday program as #10). Your attendance is noted.

I just cannot thank you enough for all of your support, time, volunteering, and donations for our kiddos! It truly makes a difference!

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