



1. **VERY IMPORTANT:**

Our district has received a new ELA program. This consists of reading, writing, grammar, phonic, & writing. All students from K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will now be using the same program to teach these skills and strategies. Your child has a text book (Journeys), a reader's notebook (full of activities), and several other consumable books.

Due to the complexity of this program it may take some time to truly figure out what works best and how to use all of it in class. At this time, I am going to try a 7 day schedule for each lesson. What this means for students and parents is important for spelling. All students will be introduced to the spelling lesson for the 7 day period on day 1. Then students will have several practice/activity pages to complete by the end as well as a test on the words on day 7. Students will be required to complete spelling pages at home. However, I suggest that all pages remain in student's R.A.C.E. folders so they may work on the assignments in class if they finish other work.

2. Last week I sent home your child's Friday Folder for the first time. In it were his/her corrected papers. Sometimes our work is just student checked and doesn't have any marks from me. If that happens, it does not go into the grade book and is not for a grade. Student corrected assignments should always be in red ink. Teacher corrected assignments are in green. Some assignments are logged into the grade book for a grade and some are not. Some may just be used by me to assess the needs of your child etc.... Many of the activities/assignments we do in class are for your child to practice and use as a stepping stone to proficiency. If you are ever concerned about a paper or a mistake has been made in grading/checking in green, please put a little note on it, send it back to school in the Friday Folder and I will look into the discrepancy.

3. I'm still hoping to have more parents sign up for the "Remind 101" reminders. If you need a new form with directions, please let me know. Thank you to those who have already signed up.
  
4. Some students are having great difficulty remembering to complete their work on time. PLEASE help your child be successful by ensuring they have their work completed, done and turned in. Competing work but leaving it at home is not considered completed. When one or two children do not have their work in class, it hinders the entire class.

Have a great week and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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