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Dear Parents,

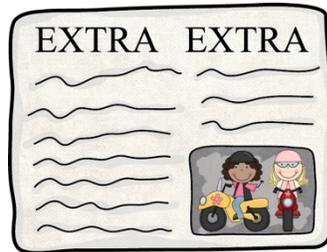
Your children are growing more and more every day! They are learning the rules and routines of the classroom very quickly! When your child does their homework, it reinforces what we are learning in the classroom. It is very important to help your child with their homework because it gives them the extra support they need to succeed.

**Reading:** This month, we continue our curriculum study on Foundations, level 1. We are learning our lowercase letters, their sounds and how to write them. Your child will get new sight words every week that they will practice in school, and should read every day from their baggie at home. Please go over this list with your child every night.

Please try to sit and read with your child every night. I know that time is very limited, but when you read with them about things and sight words they notice, they learn to become aware of every little detail about the story.

This month we will be sending home "Heart Books". These are books that we have read several times in class. This way, your child

can tell you the story and it helps them to connect the words with the pictures



Please remember that if you feel comfortable reading with your child in your native language, it is OK. We encourage reading in any language as this will benefit your child greatly.

**Writing:** During the month of October and November, we will be learning to live and write like Scientists! This means that we will be drawing observation booklets on things that we notice about leaves, acorns, pinecones, and twigs. This helps your children learn and remember the parts of a tree and see that writing is not just for storytelling, but for learning about Science as well!

**Your help with the following is appreciated:**

**Math:** We have been learning how to count objects up to 20 and exploring different tools in the classroom such as pattern blocks, connecting cubes and geo blocks. We are learning to sort and match up objects by their attributes (such as color, shape, and size). This can be done at home in a fun way with your child's help. While going to the supermarket let your child count the

fruits/vegetables, sort the fruits by color, size, and shapes. They are excited about this in the classroom and will surely be of help to you at home.

**Social Studies:** We are learning about our school families and how they are important. Please remind your children that school is a special place where they can learn. Also, just like there are rules at home, there are rules at school to follow as well.

**Science:** K/1 is learning about living (tree, animals, plants), and non-living things (ruler, car, house, etc). Please talk to your children about this when walking around the neighborhood.

\*If you have any questions regarding your child, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you!

-Ms. Santiago

**Important Dates**

School Closed on:

October 3,4,10 & 12.