**1st Grade Spelling Practice and Homework**

Dear 1st grade families,

Attached you will find your child’s homework packet. Each Friday we will have weekly spelling test. Your child will spell the 5 word wall words and 5 spelling pattern words for a total of 10 words. **Please keep the cover page of the homework packet at home to practice.**

**Word Wall Words** are High Frequency words that all first graders are expected to know by sight. Not only will they be tested on them each week, I expect that your child’s knowledge for these words will carry over into his/her reading and writing.

**Pattern Words** are words that you can create rhyming words with and learn to make and spell others words. Each week we will have 4 on the list and the other word will be random words that we have practiced in our classroom throughout the week that rhyme with the word family.

**Spelling Sentence** We will also have a dictated (teacher read) sentence on our Friday test. Your child will need to remember spaces between words, a capital at the beginning of the sentence, lower case letters throughout the sentence and punctuation at the end. There will be one sentence for now and later we will add another.

**Homework packet** Please have your child return the stapled homework packet by the following Friday. It will be your child’s responsibility to take it out of his/her folder and place it in the white “homework” basket. Of course, until this becomes a regular routine, I will give many reminders ☺

Thanks and happy homeworking!

**Unit 1**

**Spelling**

**Word Wall Words** **Word Family Words**

 1. all 6.am

 2. not 7. Sam

 3. she 8. cat

 4. are 9. at

 5. got 10.

**Word Family Words-**

Students are encouraged to create as many words that he/she can using- am and -at. Discuss how this creates rhyming words.

 (Remember on the test numbers 10 will be words of the teachers choice that rhyme with -am or –at word family sound.)

**Spelling Dictation Sentence**

Students will write this sentence for Friday’s test. They will need to remember to put spaces between words, capital vs. lower case letters and punctuation.

1. Sam is a cat.