# A Week in Review

Mrs. Ona's Weekly Update August 19-23, 2013



## Kindergarten Week in Review

Math: Plane shapes were introduced this week. The focus was on the following shapes: circle, square, rectangle, and triangle. We practiced making the shapes and went on an "I-Spy" Shape Hunt in the classroom. We also learned positional words. Practice the following positional words at home: in front of, behind of, inside, outside, above, below, beside and left and right.

Phonics/Reading/Writing: Our Letter of the Week was "Aa." We identified words that began with the letter Aa and practiced writing both uppercase and lowercase letters. One of the books we read was "There's an Alligator Under My Bed" and we talked about imagination and sequencing. We even made a Letter Aa Alligator! "Ten Apples on Top" brought lots of fun, too.

**Social Studies**: This week we talked about our community and being a good citizen.

### First Grade Week in Review

**Math:** This week Mrs. Argo and Mrs. Newman continued Beginning of the Year assessments. In addition, they worked on the 100s chart and review of math concepts.

**Phonics/Reading/Writing:** This week, we focused on the short Aa vowel sound, including word families of –an, -ap, -at. We also started shared reading in small-group. In addition, Beginning of the Year reading assessments were completed for first graders. RAH RAH Folders will begin next week!

**Social Studies**: We finished a short unit on our world, country, and state.

**Science:** We introduced our unit on Weather. We will be learning about types of weather next week.

I would like to thank you for the kind emails, thoughts and prayers that were extended to my family last week. I realize that it may have made your child's beginning of the year a little more difficult for them and I truly appreciate your understanding. I would also like to thank Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Gaston for taking such wonderful care of our students while I was gone!

#### **General Reminders:**

Please remember to check binders daily and remove papers. In addition, please sign the box for parent initials. Thanks!

If you have not already done so please remember to send in a long pair of pants and shirt for the "emergencies" that may occur. The weather has officially changed for the season!

Thanks!!

#### **IMPORTANT!!!!!**

If your child has a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, they MUST be clear of their symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school!!! I will continue to emphasize this and I am firm about this school rule. Many of our students take their hands in and out of their mouths and they are more likely to wipe their noses with their hands, rather than a tissue. While we are constantly asking them to wash their hands and/or giving them anti-bacterial germ-x, a sick child exposes our entire class.