## **Homework in First Grade**

We believe that learning takes place both at home and at school. Homework provides important practice and helps children learn responsibility. To help this routine go smoothly at home, find a homework time that works best for your family. This could be before or after dinner or even in the morning before school. Most of our first grade homework should only take 10 minutes. However, I know that life can get very busy! If there is ever one of those crazy nights, just write me a quick note or email, and your child can complete the homework when there is time.

**Reading:** Each night, your child will bring home one or two books to read with you. These books should be practiced at home and returned to school the next day. More information will be sent home in your child's Take Home baggie when this program begins.

**Math:** If we complete a math lesson in the classroom, the accompanying homework page will be sent home with your child. The problems on the homework page match the learning that has taken place at school that day. Your child should be familiar with the concepts that are covered, although there are times when he/she may need your help to figure something out. In addition, please assist your child in reading any story problems that may be found on the homework pages. Homework should be completed and returned to school the next day. There may be days when your child will not have math homework, especially during an assessment week.

**Social Studies:** During our social studies units, we might send home a family activity to further develop your child's understanding of new ideas and concepts. Some of these activities include helping your child learn his/her address, talking to your child about what life was like when you were little, and a few others.