**Ms. Ortloff’s First Grade Update**

**October 7th-10th**

As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child is bringing a jacket to school. We try to go outside for recess as often as possible, even if it is cold, or lightly raining. Please be aware of this as your child gets dressed in the morning. I am beginning to tell kiddos that they need to ask a friend to help them tie their shoes instead of asking me; otherwise I’d be tying shoes all day! ;) Please continue to have your child work on this skill at home to build independence.

**Reading—**Students have done a great job identifying the main idea and supporting details in a text. This week we will be learning a reading strategy to help with long vowel sounds. Ask your child about “magic e” and practice using the strategy in their reading homework.

**Writing—**We are continuing with our personal narrative unit. Students are working on writing an introduction (beginning sentence) that tells what they will be writing about. For example, “I went to the park”.

**Math—**This week we will focus on the meaning of the equal sign. Last week we learned that the equal sign means “the same as”. Students practiced writing true number sentences where the values of both sides of the equation were equal (5+2=6+1).

**Things to Know**

* October 16th is our jog-a-thon! Please send pledge forms in by this date.
* Friday 10/11: **NO SCHOOL**
* 10/18: Scholastic orders due
* Our class website is up and running! You can see some pictures from our first month in school, as well as newsletters, helpful websites, and other things that are coming up! (link at bottom)

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns any time!

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