Dear Families,

As we pack up our rooms, forever frozen on Friday, March 13th, we reflect on a year never to be forgotten. We think of how much we miss our students, their families and teaching. Of the lessons never taught, books never read, the “Aha” moments, laughs, hugs and celebrations. Never did we think, when we sent them out the door that day, happy as can be for the weekend, that it would be the last good-bye. We are sad that it ended this way but please know we enjoyed every minute we spent with your child and look forward to a day we can all come together safely to say good-bye.

Please keep on reading, stay safe, be kind and have a fun summer!

In the folder you will find 8 little books that you have most likely seen come home. We do them in class daily, so your child will be very familiar with them. I am going to give you a list of directions to do with **one** book daily. If you can help them, it would be great but I do understand that you also have many things to take care of so please go through it with them once and then hopefully they will remember the routine!

Week of May 25th: (Happy Memorial Day, remember to thank a Veteran!)

* Read the title and decide whether the book is fiction or non-fiction, why?
* Read the story with your child, then they should read it alone, and then to another family member.
* Hi-lite or underline the vowel rule ( count how many words you find):
* The Three Races: words that end with (-er ) (ex. Faster)
* Seed Sisters: words that end with (-est) (ex. Fastest)
* The Fox and the Grapes: Find the sight words; always, happy and near
* Jingle , Jangle, Jiggle: Find words ending in (-er and –est), then make a list of the base word (ex. Faster –fast)

4. Re-tell, do in the composition notebook in folder.

* Identify the characters
* Identify the setting
* What are the 3 main events of the story/**or identify 3 facts you have learned if non-fiction**

5. On the 5th day, choose your favorite story and tell why, remember to defend your claim using text evidence! Draw a picture and label it. To be done in the composition notebook.

Thank you,

First Grade Team