



*Spelling:*

*I just wanted to clear up any confusion regarding the spelling words. The students may study the same word more than one week. They take a pretest at the beginning of the week to determine their own personal spelling list. If they miss a word on the pretest, it then becomes a new word to learn. The pretests may have some of the same words multiple weeks to see if students have mastered them, or if they need more practice with the words. Each child has a different spelling list, based on their own needs, so this is why I have the students write down their own list. The list will always be the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the homework packet each week.*

*Math:*

*We have started chapter 3 and are practicing more with telling time. Please help your child master this difficult skill by asking them to tell you the time on any analog clock you may have at home. If you do not have an analog clock, simply help your child by checking his/her homework packet for any mistakes and then correcting the mistakes together.*

*Writing:*

*Today we practiced the skill of writing friendly letters by writing a letter to Srta. Petersohn (who is now Sra. Bach...she got married on October 26<sup>th</sup>!) They were very excited to write to her and worked really hard to do their best writing! We will finish these letters up tomorrow and decorate a card to congratulate her on her wedding.*

*Toy Drive:*

*The Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource is collecting toys/gifts for the estimated 900+ low-income area children (0-18 years old) who will be registering for the 2008 Toy Chest at the Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center serves families in Hopkins, Minnetonka, Shorewood, Excelsior, Woodland, Greenwood, and Deephaven. In order for families to qualify for the Toy Chest program they must qualify for the free or reduced price lunches programs in their children's school. Toy collection dates are now through Tuesday, December 15th, with actual Toy Shop distribution scheduled for December 15th through December 20th. Toys for kids and gifts for seniors may be dropped off at the Hopkins Minnetonka Family Resource Center located at 915 Mainstreet in Hopkins. Office hours are:*

*Mon-Weds & Friday            9:00 am - 4:30 pm*

*Thursdays                      9:00 am - 7:00 pm.*

*Additional information about the Toy Chest Drive, Gifts for Seniors Program, volunteering, or to be an evening and weekend Toy Chest Drop Site please call the Resource Center at 952-988-5350.*

*Coming Up:*

- *November 10<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting*
- *November 15<sup>th</sup> - Barnes and Noble Fundraiser*
- *November 18<sup>th</sup> - Late Start*
- *November 20<sup>th</sup> - PTO Family Night*
- *November 21<sup>st</sup> - End of 1st Trimester*
- *November 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> No school for Thanksgiving Break*