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**The Week of Nov. 14th – 18th**

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- You are invited to help your child look for books at the Book Fair when we go as a class on Wednesday, November 16th at 12:45pm. You can just meet us at the library during that time! If you cannot make it and you want your child to still be able to pick out books, send money with them in a plastic bag with their name on it.

-We will be working on long o words spelled o\_e (ex: bone, poke, rose, slope, etc.).

-Red bag collection ends on November 15th. Please be sure to have your child bring in any money they want to donate for it by then! We have a little girl who is 6 years old that we are going to be buying gifts for! We have suggested that the kids offer to help around the house to earn money towards our red bag collection!

**Important Info**

**Nov 15th** Red Bag Collection Ends **Nov 16th** Class Visit to Book Fair @12:45pm

**Nov 23-25th**  No School

**Dec 6th** Early Release Day

**Dec 20th** ½ day of School

**Dec 21st – Jan 3rd**  No School

**Upcoming Events**

**Website of the Week:** [ABCya](http://www.abcya.com/first_grade_word_problems_add_subtract.htm) has SO many amazing games that are differentiated for different grade levels. The one we worked on this week was adding and subtracting word problems within 20. The kids loved it!
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 **App of the Week:** [Tinkerbox](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tinkerbox-hd/id415722219?mt=8) is a great app for problem solving skills. It is always a favorite app for the kids each year! It teaches basic engineering concepts and full of interesting science facts as well!

**Challenges of the Week**

 **Math Challenge of the Week:** We have been focusing on fact families. Have your child come up with at least 4 addition sentences they know the answer to. Then have them come up with all of the fact family that belongs to it. Here are some examples:

*5+6=11 6+5=11 11-6=5 11-5=6*

 *9+5=14 5+9=14 14-9=5 14-5=9*

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been looking at dictionaries in class and during library quite a bit lately. Have your child look in an actual dictionary to find the words listed below. Then have them write down 1 definition for each word and describe if it is an adjective, noun, or verb.

comrade / entreat /murky / sod / weld

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** Have your child write a short description about what their perfect Thanksgiving Day meal would be. Have them be very descriptive when doing this. For example, instead of saying pizza, they could say pepperoni pizza with a little bit of peppers on it.

**Tech of the Week**