

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Family:

Homework assignments are due on Friday! Please refer to the **Home Connection Newsletter** located in your child's homework binder for books to read with your child and books we are reading in class. You can print or view a copy of the Home Connection Newsletter in our classroom virtual bookbag located on our school website at www.duvalschools.org/chaffeetrail .

Reading and Writing Responses

Homework always includes a reading log, which will need to be returned on Friday with five or more books you have read with your child or they have read independently. Your child needs to respond (retell favorite part with words and/or pictures) to one book of their choice on the back of the reading log. **It is very important for you to make sure they are completing and returning the reading logs. They need to read at least 90 books or more every nine weeks to meet our classroom and school book goal.** The reading log is the only record I have of the books they are reading outside of the classroom. If your child reads more than five books you can record them on the reading log or keep track of them on a spreadsheet/form and print or e-mail me a copy weekly (iveyl@duvalschools.org). They need to respond to one book every week.

The Dolch Words List (Sight or High Frequency Words)

Your child will be tested on Dolch words and if they can use them in context (verbally in a sentence). You will find the pre-primer, primer, list one, two, three, 95 nouns and the Dolch word story in your child's homework folder. Please work with your child daily in learning these words.

Spelling

Your child will need to study their weekly spelling words found in their agenda. There will be no formal spelling assessment to turn in, but they will be expected to know their words for Friday's spelling test.

Math

In Math Workshop we will explore numbers and the many ways to solve math problems. Encourage your child to find his or her own ways to solve math problem. Your child will bring home math games and math worksheets. Have your child complete the worksheets and grade them with you. Play the math games with your child to learn more about what they are doing in their math workshop. You may keep any math games or worksheets that are sent home, unless you receive information that informs you differently.

Scientist of the Week!

Your child will have the opportunity to be our “**Scientist of the Week**”. Once your child is selected to be the “Scientist of the Week”, you will receive a letter and a book, **What Is a Scientist**. Please assist your child in reading the book and preparing a science project to be presented to the class on the following Friday. You may download a copy of the letter and science project observation sheet from our classroom virtual bookbag located on our school website at www.duvalschools.org/chaffeetrail .

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