Pod 1 News

October 6, 2009

Dear Parents,

The students are making good progress. We appreciate your help at home by listening to your child read each night, helping with Math homework, and taking time to listen to how your child's day went.

Here is an update of our pod happenings:

- **Language Arts** We have completed the first reader, Hello. We are enjoying the second reader, Problem Patrol and learning this skills: main idea, details, telling and question sentences, punctuation, and identifying repetitive and circular stories.

- **Reading Bags** Your child is bringing home a Reading Bag with a leveled reader in it. Please listen to your child read it, help as needed, sign the Reading Log (enclosed in the bag), and return the Reading Bag and book the next day. We use the books in class.

- **Math** We have completed Unit 1! Yea! We are learning these skills: ways to show addition and subtraction relationships of numbers 4 – 10, reading and solving number stories, and developing Math vocabulary.

- **Homework** The have **written Math homework on Tuesday and Thursday**. Please look at the homework, help as needed, and sign/initial the homework. Your signature indicates that you have seen the homework and helped as needed.

- **Unit** We have learned about Manners and Seasons these past weeks. Please take time to discuss these ideas at home.

- **Weather** Autumn has unpredictable weather. Please do a "weather check" before your child leaves for school. We recommend sending a jacket/sweater for the class, also.

- **School-wide Goals:** Please continue to discuss our school wide goals of Reading Comprehension and Problem Solving at home. The students are doing a good job of identifying these goals as they work at school.

- **Dates to Remember:**

Oct. 5 – 9	***Book Fair***
Oct. 9	***First Quarter ends***
Oct. 12 – 16	***FALL BREAK (No School)***
Oct. 21	***Report Card Day***