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Each night your child should be bringing home their take home folder with their busy bee week. Please check it as part of your nightly routine. Sign it and return it the next day in their take home folder. This is a great communication tool. We are also trying to build independence in first grade. It is their responsibility to unpack themselves in the morning and pack their folder and papers in the afternoon.

Reading: The students have been practicing what independent reading time should look like, sound like and feel like. We are also working on our stamina during that time. This week I was able to conference individually with about ¾ of the class members. When your child brings a book home in their reading folder please have them practice it with you. You can jot any notes about how they are doing on the comment section and return it the next morning.

Math: This week the students received their math journals. They also learned how to play the top-it game with a partner. We have built in the calendar, weather graph, counting coins and place value chart into our daily routines. Next week be on the look -out for the homelink book and a note explaining our process for math homework.

Writing: This week the students have been making a getting to know you class book called “The Tree House Book”. They practiced getting to know our friends and how to spell their names. It has a fun ending. Ask them about it!

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