We can successfully cross another week off our calendars! I am continually impressed with the abilities and interest the students are showing me in class! I can’t believe how much they’ve grown since we left last May!

 There has been some big excitement in our room lately that I wanted to be sure to share with you. Our class is working to earn 100 Tallies. We start each day with 5 tallies and if we can make it to the end of the day with no tallies being erased they go to our board of 100. The kids and I have talked a lot about using our manners and giving/receiving compliments to/from others. I told the kids that anytime another teacher or adult in the school gives them a compliment it would mean another tally, or as we like to call it- a “bonus tally”. I am very happy to report that there have been bonus tallies left and right this week!

 The kids have been complimented on a number of occasions from many different teachers this week. I am so proud of them! The compliments have been about how quiet they are in the hallway, how well behaved they are in another class and how polite and helpful they are to others in our class!

 As a teacher, it makes me feel very proud to have your children in my class as we are receiving these compliments and it is only the second week of school!!!! I hope this continues all year long!

**\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\***

There will be a first grade parent meeting for all classes on **Thursday September 22, 2011 at 6:30pm.**  We will be meeting in our classroom. The purpose of this meeting is to go over our handbook. It will be a short meeting, I’m guessing about 30 minutes. We will be talking about AR, AM, STAR testing, our discipline policy and a few other changes that come in first grade. Your attendance is very important, please mark your calendar!

REMINDER---

Book orders are due THIS FRIDAY Sept. 23rd. Please send the slips to school or place or order online before Friday!

***![C:\Users\My Laptop\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\VRIM12CQ\MC900431617[1].png]()PICTURE DAY IS COMING!!!!!***

Remember Monday is picture day! The picture forms were sent home on back to school night. Please have them filled out with your order and send them to school on Monday. We will have our pictures done right way in the morning. If you send your child in a special outfit and would like them to change after pictures- just send another outfit and a note to let me know!

**CHANGES IN ROUTINE**

![C:\Users\My Laptop\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Y7072UGN\MC900389800[1].wmf]()Just a reminder that if your child is supposed to go somewhere other than their regular place after school I need to have a note, phone call or email. I know dance classes and other activities are starting and we have had some tears over having to ride the bus home when I haven’t had a note telling me otherwise, but please know that this is school policy. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!

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![C:\Users\My Laptop\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\C8WIR7KN\MC900384084[1].wmf]()This week we will be continuing our discussions and discoveries of apples. We will be making our very own applesauce to taste test for snack on Tuesday. Be sure to ask your child if they liked it!