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Butch and Michael Storytime Video

Hello First Grade Families,

I would like to start my letter this week by saying Happy Mother's Day to all the mom's, stepmom's and grandma's reading this. Whether your work is occurring in the home, out of the home, or both, the time and effort you are putting in to help your child learn and grow is so appreciated. Thank you for helping instill in them the love of learning especially during the last few months. I am sure some days are better than others, but please know that everything you are doing is enough; it's just right for your child at this time. That said, there are simply not enough thank you's in the world for me to express my gratitude for your extra effort!

Within the next few days, you will be receiving a packet from the first-grade teachers via mail. In it you will find a math packet, red work and spelling pattern packet, and a writing packet. Over the course of the next three weeks, your child will be able to use the books in tandem with our At Home Learning Checklist. For many of my students the red word/spelling activities will look familiar. I hope they enjoy seeing some things that may bring back special memories of school!

Please remember that it is our hope first graders try to work on school activities for 30 minutes per day. For some students this time goes fast, for others it feels like an eternity. If your kiddo is in the "eternity" category, feel free to set a timer to work in smaller chunks, maybe even 5-10 minutes at a time. I am also aware that there are days when no school work gets done due to other activities. That is ok too. It is my hope that students simply stay connected to past learning, but someday it is ok to just sit together and read a good book!

As always, I love to hear from all of you. I love to see the pictures and I love to read the letters. If your family would like, please feel free to schedule a time with me to talk on the phone. Even if we have already talked, feel free to make another phone appointment with me. I so enjoy hearing about their daily activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Again, Happy Mother's Day!

Keep reading, keep doing math, keep writing and keep smiling!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Decker