



August 31, 2009

### *Upcoming Dates*

- Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>  
ED Team Meeting Library  
3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Picture Day
- Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Fairy Tale Baskets**

This week, we will begin a new writing unit on Fairy Tales! We will be practicing oral retellings of fairy tales using wood characters and props. Each day, we will introduce a new story and tell it several times. Then, the students will have opportunities to tell it themselves. We will read different versions of the fairy tale and then write a summary together. After spending a week on each story, students will write their own versions. We will begin with: *The Frog Prince* and *The Princess and the Pea*.

### *Important* *Information*

- Homework Logs are coming home with your child today. Please make sure your child has a Homework Log and is filling it in. These stay AT HOME and are turned in at the end of the month!
- Thank you to all who were able to attend Back-to-School Night. Please refer to the website at [www.schools.bvsd.org/hp](http://www.schools.bvsd.org/hp) for all first grade information.
- Materials Needed: We need your help gathering animal/outdoor magazines and

### **Habitats**

We're beginning our next unit on habitats! The specific ideas for this unit are:

- Plants and animals live in places where they can best survive
- Animals are classified into groups
- Water covers most of the earth and is found mostly in oceans
- Changing a habitat can cause plants and animals to die

Materials Needed! We need your help gathering animal/outdoor magazines and shoe boxes for the projects we will do during this unit. If you have magazines or shoe boxes at home, please send them in with your child.

Have a wonderful week!

Math and Spelling Homework for the week of August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday	Math Home Link 1.9	page 7
Tuesday	Math Home Link 1.10	page 9
Wednesday	Math Home Link 1.11	page 11
Thursday	Math Home Link 1.12	page 13
Friday	Catch up on pages you missed this week!	

The math Home Links book stays at home.

Spelling and Word Skills Homework:

This week please complete pages 3, 4, 5, and 6 in your Practice Book. This book will come home on Monday and needs to be returned on Friday.