

Class Update

February 23, 2009

Dear Families,

We will study the following **high frequency words** this week: **around, blue, care, family, house, most, out, they, when, and how**. Since many of these words feature the **ou/ow** sound, we will be looking at this spelling pattern all week. You can reinforce this at home by practicing with the HFW flash cards and the ou/ow word sort attached to this newsletter. To see podcasts of our class working on phonics sorts, please visit our website: <http://rizfar.weebly.com/>.

We took a spelling pretest today; I'm sending it home so that you may see which words your child is able to spell correctly. The children will take a spelling test on Friday. They will have many opportunities to read and write these words throughout the week.

Take Home Books

Blue Group:

The Lives of Sea Turtles
A Clown Comes to Town
Max the Grouch

Green Group:

The Lives of Sea Turtles
A Clown Comes to Town
Max the Grouch

Purple Group:

A Clown Comes to Town
Max the Grouch

Yellow Group:

Max the Grouch
Dave the Brave

Red Group:

Dave the Brave
Ben and the Cat

Your child is bringing home new take home books today. Please listen to your child read these books out loud daily to improve their oral fluency. I will ask each student to read aloud to me on Friday and will also ask them several questions about their story. First graders should be reading at a rate of 40 words per minute; our end of the year goal is 60 words per minute.

We have been studying landforms, bodies of water, and natural resources and will have a social studies test on this topic this Friday. My students will be responsible for the following vocabulary words: **volcano, mountain, hill, valley, plain, island, peninsula, ocean, river and lake**. They must also be able to identify natural resources (such as **water, soil, trees, rocks/minerals, air, oil**) and their uses. Visit our website (<http://rizfar.weebly.com/mrs-izfars-blog.html>) to view a great PowerPoint presentation on this topic!

Please email me at rizfar@houstonisd.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Izfar



We are creating 3-dimensional maps!