



Class Update

March 9, 2009

Dear Families,

This is an extremely busy week at Herrera, full of fun and learning. Wednesday, March 11th is the **Spring Festival**; please note that the celebration is scheduled to begin after dismissal. Friday is our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event; if you and your child have raised money, please send it in by Thursday.

Our class will study *long o* spelling patterns this week. Your children will begin to see that most words with the *long o* sound are spelled like **rose** (CVCe), **boat** (CVVC), or **crow** (CCVC). Please practice with the word sort attached to this newsletter. These are our **high frequency words** of the week: **grow, whole, move, were, about, full, eight, might, high, and our**. Please cut out the flashcards attached to this newsletter and practice at home. We will have a HFW spelling/reading test this **Friday**. Please remember that our high frequency word test will be given during the

first week in April!

Take Home Books

Blue Group:

Chinlow of Singboat
A Crow, a Goat, and a Boat
Heroes

Green Group:

Chinlow of Singboat
A Crow, a Goat, and a Boat
Heroes

Purple Group:

A Crow, a Goat, and a Boat
Heroes

Yellow Group:

A Crow, a Goat, and a Boat
Heroes

Red Group:

Grandpa's Glasses
When Will I Do That?
In the Tree

First grade will be going on a field trip to the Downtown Aquarium on **Friday, April 17th**. If you are interested in joining us on this trip as a chaperone, please return permission slips and money as soon as possible. Due to limited space, we can only accommodate 3 parents per class on the bus. If you are planning to drive to the aquarium in your own vehicle, please note that parking will be an additional \$6.00.

Your child is bringing home a "Read to Achieve Student Score Sheet" today. Please help your child record the titles of the books they read and the number of minutes they read. The top readers (**those who spent the most time reading**) will be invited to attend the *Read to Achieve Jam Fest* at the Toyota Center on Tuesday, March 31st! Please encourage your child achieve this goal by reading for a **minimum** of 20 minutes daily until March 23rd. All forms are due on Tuesday, March 24th.

Scholastic book orders are due this **Friday**. Students who performed well on last week's reading fluency test received a coupon for a free book!

Please feel free to email me at rizfar@houstonisd.org with any questions about your child's learning,

Sincerely,
Mrs. Izfar