Hello Parents...

Welcome to Bag Buddy.... Each month I will send home a holiday themed Bag Buddy just like this one. It is a fun way to help your child practice their writing and drawing skills and will come with different fun activities that can be shared with the whole family.

This year we are trying something different. The enclosed stuffed animal was chosen by your child to be their own exclusive Bag Buddy so it will not be shared or sent home with anyone else. You can keep the bag buddy at home for as many day's as you need to but I ask that you follow a few rules.

1. **Please don't do the writing for your children.** You may write the word on a separate piece of paper for your child to copy or, if they know their letters, you can tell them aloud what letters they need to write.
2. It needs to be fun so if they aren't in the mood or if they want to stop before it is finished that is fine. Just finish it later or the next day.
3. Bag Buddy is story based as a way to encourage a love of reading so a major component of the Bag Buddy program is reading the story. We have already watched the story together at school when Bag Buddy was introduced but repetition is key for reading so please use the link below to access the story online(A link is also posted on our class web page under the "Bag Buddy" tab). I know that your child would really enjoy sharing the story with you at home!
4. Please send the Bag buddy and Journal back to school when you are done so that we can use the stuffed animal again next month. The Stuffed animal is also used every day during rest time as a snuggle buddy, so it is SUPER important to make sure that is sent back to school.

Please use the link for the story _Inside a house that is Haunted_ by Alyssa Capucilli (or you can do a Youtube search for the story title and author)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ac_i_4Teg4&t=43s

Also enclosed is a Halloween matching game that your child can color, cut, and play with you at home. It is theirs to keep and does not need to be sent back to school.