



Hello Parents...

It's bag buddy time.... a fun way to help your child practice their writing and drawing skills! You can keep the bag buddy at home for as many day's as you need to but I ask that you please return the journal, folder, and stuffed animal when you are done (I will need it when we return from Thanksgiving break for the December Bag Buddy). Please follow these 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(I will also post the link for the story on class tag). 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.

An intracule and extremely important part of Bag Buddy is the story!

Exposing children to books and stories strengthens their brain development, improves language and communication skills, and improves concentration and the ability to focus! Please use the link below for the story *Give Thanks Each day* by Steve Metzger. The link can also be found on our class web page!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sZ6YgNFwhE>

