## Dear Parent(s),

This is your child's Word Book. It includes lists of high frequency words (words that your child will read and write often). The first page is a comment sheet that you may complete as necessary. The next six pages list the 36 sight words introduced in kindergarten and reinforced in first grade. Each additional page will involve first grade sight words listed by story.

Your child will bring the Word Book home every night and return it to school the following day in his/her B.E.E. Notebook. After practicing the words enough to immediately recognize them, your child can highlight the words with a yellow highlighter.

Our main goal is to help your child become an independent reader. This will happen when he/she recognizes automatically the high frequency words and develops decoding strategies. Some of the strategies are:

- 1. Look at the beginning and ending sounds in the words.
- 2. Read to the end of the sentence in order to decode the unknown word through context.
- 3. Use picture clues to identify unknown words.
- 4. Look for little words within the unknown word.

Please sign each word list after your child knows all of the words. Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school (223-8082).

Sincerely,
The First Grade Teachers

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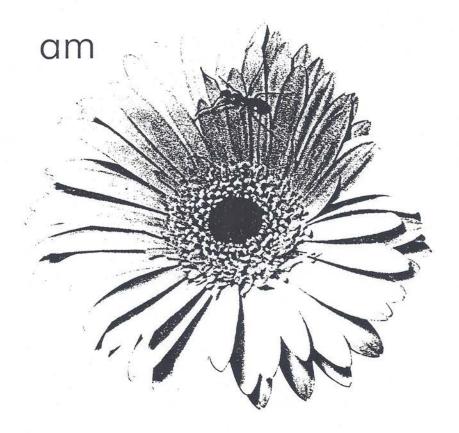
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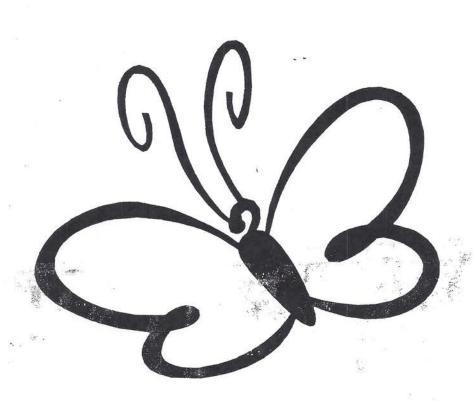
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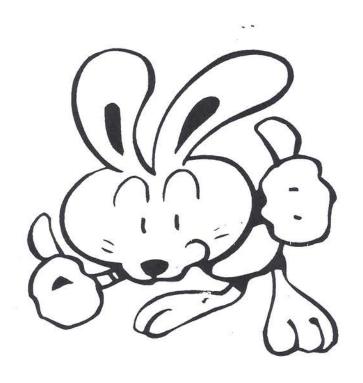
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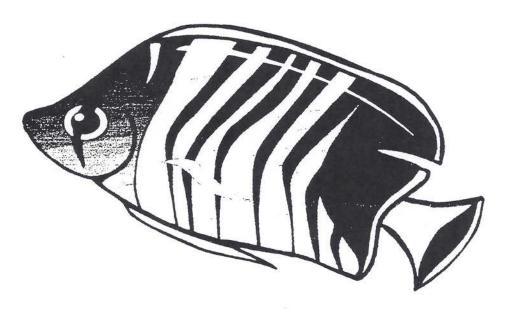
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