Dear Parents,

Happy Tuesday! I have waited a few weeks to get a parent letter out to you. Thanks to the Remind system, I feel that we are in contact every day. For those of you who might not be part of the Remind system, I encourage you to sign up. A letter was sent home to you on the first day of school. It is simple to sign up, and makes keeping up to date on your child’s homework very easy. Please drop me a note or email me and I will send you that information again.

The year has started off very well. We are getting back into the swing of things very quickly. We are using the ticket system for classroom management. The students have decided that one ticket taken away has a warning effect and lets the student know that the behavior being exhibited must be corrected. Two tickets taken lands the student in TIME out to think of the behavior exhibited, and decide how it must be corrected. Lastly, three tickets taken in one day will send a student to Alternative Structure to complete work and create a plan that will allow the student to re-enter the classroom.

Ms. McClurg is working very well with the students. She has taken over Soc. Studies and will soon be picking up more classes. She works with students one on one or in small groups when she is not assisting with the lesson being taught.

We are slowly working towards guided reading at this time. The class is currently reading the book *Heroes of 9/11*. It is a very emotional book that has many of the students asking questions and thinking deeply. We will read about two more stories from this book before heading on to another book. I hope they are discussing this with you at home.

Math finds us working on multiplication of three digit by two digit problems. We continue to work with this, and are using checkers to assist in making sure the students have the process of multiplication firmly implanted in their brain. All students should be reviewing 0 – 12 multiplication tables so that they are ready to take on division.

Our class is deciding on a theme basket for the Halloween Social. If you have any ideas you would like to share, please let me know. We hope to have it narrowed down by the end of the week.

If you have a need to contact me, the email address: donna.deal@garrettcountyschools.org is the best way to do so. I can be reached by phone during planning: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 2:10 – 2:50 and Wednesday and Friday at 8:50 – 9:30.

Have a great week,

Mrs. Donna Deal