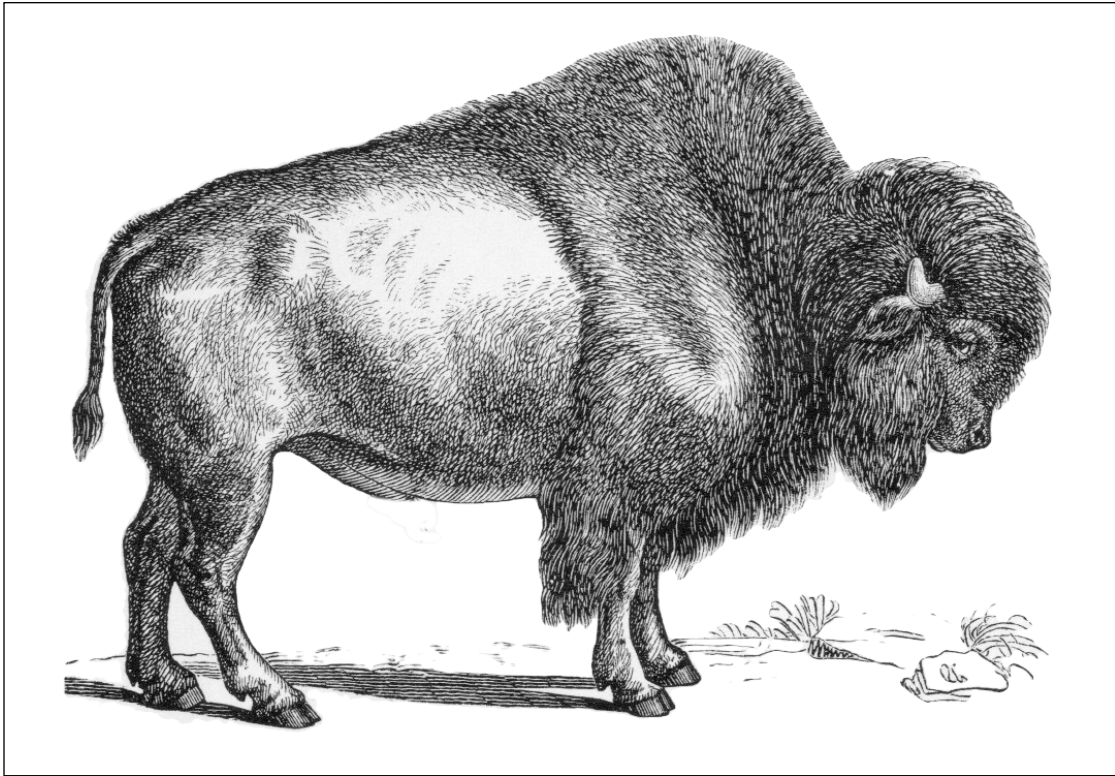




B is for Buffalo

Assignment 1

- Complete Lesson 1 in your B is for Buffalo textbook, volume 1
- Complete Lesson 1 of your handwriting book.
- Memorize the first stanza of Helen Hunt Jackson's poem "September"—an appropriate poem to memorize at this time of year! In her poem, Jackson describes the plant life of her native Massachusetts. Our discussion of poetry, then, will include talking about botany and the gentian, sedges, asters, milkweed, and goldenrod (there is a field of goldenrod in Valley Forge Park, near where I live). We will also be discussing things such as the autumnal equinox, Jackson's friend Emily Dickinson, and, of course, the poetics of the poem. You will notice that there are four stanzas to memorize.
- As part of their spelling program, students will soon be writing out dictation exercises twice a week, to be shown to me in class. Right now, parents should ask their children how to spell the words in the phonics sections of the textbook. This week, the spelling words include the short A and the Short E words.