

1L's Weekly News - Week of January 11th



Dates to Remember:

* Dwight is taking part in the American Heart Association's *Hoops for Heart*. We have been learning some cool facts about our hearts thanks to Mr. Gelsi! This Friday, January 15th, all students are invited to wear **red** to celebrate Dwight's participation!

* There is no school next Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend! 😊

Reader's Workshop:

This week in Reader's Workshop we will practice retelling stories in order, using time words (i.e. - in the beginning, next, then). We'll work on including as many details as possible!

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will continue our unit all about *writing reviews* (opinion writing). We've been practicing writing reviews to persuade others. Last week we learned all about the words **opinion** and **convince**. This week we'll focus on adding details to support our opinions.

Math:

In Math we'll continue our geometry unit. Last week we learned all about the attributes (sides, angles/corners) of plane shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, trapezoid, hexagon, pentagon, rhombus). This week we'll use geoboards to create congruent shapes and also explore plane shapes using tangrams.

Word Work:

* Our new Word Wall Words are: **because, from, play, where, with.**

* We'll also continue our focus on **blends** and **digraphs** this week.

Science/Social Studies:

We're continuing our Living Things unit of study. Last week during Tech Time in the LMC our scientists started to explore different habitats.

Odds and Ends:

* If your first grader celebrates a summer birthday, we will celebrate his/her half-birthday at school! If you are interested in coming in to read a story to the class, please let me know. Thanks!

* Now that the colder weather is upon us, please remember to send your child in with winter weather wear including gloves and hats. Students participate in outdoor recess as often as possible.